Joint Statement by Cohoctah and Conway Townships

We, the undersigned representatives of Cohoctah and Conway Townships, are united in our outrage and disbelief at the proposed industrial developments that threaten to devastate our communities. The projects spearheaded by DTE Energy (to be submitted separately) and Ranger Power, if approved, would irreversibly alter the landscape of what has long been our rural and productive farmland—farmland that has sustained our families, our livelihoods, and our way of life for generations.

It is unconscionable that our peaceful, tight-knit communities are now being treated as mere collateral damage in the face of corporate greed. The massive scale of these industrial ventures is an affront to the values we hold dear, as they seek to sacrifice our health, our environment, and the character of our communities for short-term economic gain.

The encroachment of such industrial developments will not only destroy our agricultural heritage but will also impose an unimaginable burden on our infrastructure, natural resources, and quality of life. The sprawling construction sites, incessant noise, and pollution associated with these projects will suffocate the very essence of what makes Cohoctah and Conway the vibrant rural communities they are today.

We cannot, and will not, stand by as our farmland is bulldozed in the name of industrialization. The consequences for our children, our families, and our future are too severe to ignore. These developments threaten to turn our fertile soil into wastelands, putting at risk the livelihoods of those who have worked the land for decades. It is an insult to our heritage, and we will not allow it to stand.

We demand that the State of Michigan take immediate action to enjoin implementation of PA 233 and protect our communities from this catastrophic legislation. Our rural way of life is not for sale, and we will not let these industrial giants trample on our rights and our future. The people of Cohoctah and Conway Townships deserve better than this—it is time to stand up for the preservation of our land, our communities, and our way of life before it is too late.

We urge our residents to contact DTE, Ranger Power, Governor Whitmer's office, and their representatives in the Michigan Legislature, and demand that Michigan's rural communities be protected and preserved. Contact information is provided below.

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