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RE: Rebuttal to Aaron Caudill's sworn testimony in Evidentiary Hearing October 2, 2025,  
Case 2024-00337

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Dear Siting Commission Members:

Aaron Caudill testified under oath that he and his former colleague, whom we know to be Kelley Pope, were threatened by the Amish and that "they" ceased communication with said landowner.

Caudill testified that he is an employee of Geenex. He is known to be the "on the grounds" person for Geenex in Barren County, especially since the sudden departure of Kelley Pope.

It appears Caudill has perjured himself under oath as the evidence shows he lied, defamed and slandered the Amish community.

I will refer to the landowner as "Mr. Amish" and ask that his identity be protected to every extent possible. Under separate letter, he has submitted a letter, the run report and a map of his property that shows the close proximity of the panels and validates all of the concerns he expressed in his previous letter to the commission.

Caudill's testimony, under oath, is attached hereto

1. The first conversation occurred in 2022 or 2023 – forgetting to disclose the "threat" occurred July 19, 2025.
2. He said that landowner reached out and made "threatening comments to us regarding the project."
3. He said "we ceased communication with that landowner"
4. He referenced a lady Amish landowner who sold him honey and had no questions
5. He said his colleague "filed a report"

**Facts:**

Mr. Amish attended the public hearing on July 15, 2025 and his letter to the commission was read at the public hearing.

Four days later, on July 19, 2025, Mr. Amish attempted to reach both Kelley Pope and Aaron Caudill.

To make a phone call in the Amish community, they must find a phone. He walked to a neighbor's home to use their phone and he attempted to reach both Pope and Caudill. It is also noted that Mr. Amish may have thought he had hung up the phone and it was not recording when he expressed his frustrations.

He made 3 calls to each while he had an opportunity to call.

The first call to each was unanswered. He waited and called the second time, this time leaving a message for each. He waited a while and called the third time, leaving a message. He then departed the neighbor's home and never called them again.

Several days later, on July 24, 2025, Pope called the Barren County Sheriff's Office and reached Deputy Adam Bow who listened to her concerns.

**Deputy Bow did not file a police report because there was no crime.** If it was a crime, he would have completed an "Incident Report" and the incident would have been entered into the system.

Pope provided the voice mail messages to Deputy Bow. He could not proceed with any criminal charges because there was no threat or harassment.

At her request, he agreed to tell Mr. Amish not to call her any more. Pope agreed that it was okay to tell Mr. Amish that he could still contact Caudill. This is clearly stated in the narrative of the run report.

Deputy Bow stated in the narrative that **"She (Pope) stated that she had NOT been threatened,** but was concerned with some statements he made..."

He completed a, **"Call response run report"** which is required when they leave the office on official business. This is not an incident or a police report. There was no crime. Deputy Bow also stated clearly in the narrative that **Mr. Amish may contact Aaron Caudill** if he has questions about the project. Caudill stated "they" ceased – implying they were threatened and afraid.

I spoke with Deputy Bow before writing this letter. He stated clearly there **was no harassment and no threats made.** He is available if the commission has any questions. He can be reached at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

**The run report and the information from Deputy Bow, as well as information from Mr. Amish contradict what Caudill said in the evidentiary hearing while under oath.**

This event happened in **July 2025**, not 2022 or 2023. Mr. Amish has relayed to the commission in a letter that he had called them previously and they never returned his calls. He spoke of meeting them both one time and having one additional conversation on the phone with Caudill about the project. He also relayed to the commission that Pope and Caudill had not disclosed all of the locations of the solar panels and they relayed to him there wasn't anything he could do.

Caudill stated "At that point, we ceased to communicate with that landowner." According to the report, Mr. Amish **has the right to continue dialogue with Caudill** and was encouraged to call him with any question. This was on July 2025.

Mr. Amish has chosen not to contact Caudill out of fear and intimidation since they had already sent the sheriff to his home. His questions and concerns were never answered.

This was clearly an act of intimidation and an attempt to discredit the Amish community. It was an attempt by Caudill to "cover the fact" they failed to communicate with the Amish community and address any of their concerns as evident by the letters read at the public hearing and the tremendous number of signatures provided.

Mr. Amish does not raise sheep.

In an interview with the elder of the Amish Community on October 3, 2025 regarding these allegations from Caudill, they could not identify the "Amish lady landowner" who sold honey to Caudill and believe this to be a fabricated statement because none of the Amish landowners in the project area sell honey.

As a side note, Caudill should become familiar with Amish customs. It would be **highly unusual** for this type of conversation to occur as he stated.

Caudill's inaccurate testimony has brought to light the fact that an adjoining landowner whose property is surrounded by solar panels was unable to speak with Geenex about the project.

He reached out 4 days after the public hearing for dialogue and he couldn't reach them and has now been accused of threatening them, the evidence of which clearly shows that he did not. He had tried a couple of times before, but they never returned his calls.

Deputy Bow states in the narrative of his "run report" that Mr. Amish used two words and one term in the messages that were non-threatening. The words Mr. Amish used are used every single day in society on multiple platforms, in music and in politics; words which often express extreme frustration.

**There was no threat to the project. There was no threat to either employee.**

Mr. Amish was frustrated, as he should be, as many in the community have previously noted in letters to the PSC Siting board, INCLUDING Mammoth Cave. This company does not respond. They are not transparent or responsive.

They are not trustworthy as here; we have their TOP guy on the ground in Barren County stating mistruths to damage the reputation of the Amish community who are deeply loved and respected. Caudill is speaking a mistruth to hide the fact they had failed to engage the Amish community.

This is unacceptable.

So, as with many in the community, his words - are filled with emotion and frustration at a company that has been deceitful since arriving. A company that fabricates anything necessary to improve their standing in the community. A company taking a direct shot at the Amish community in a divertive attempt to distort that fact they had never reached out to them.

Whether a donation bribe to the county judge executive's nonprofits or a slanderous statement while under oath, they will stop at nothing. This company is deceitful.

We respectfully ask the commission to take action to remedy this perjurous testimony.

Respectfully yours,



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Attachment: Caudill's transcribed testimony to the Siting Board Commissioners



**Wood Duck Evidentiary Hearing**  
**October 2, 2025**  
**Frankfort, KY**  
**Transcribed testimony of Aaron Caudill**

Transcribed from Evidentiary Hearing approximately location starting at 3:50:59

**PSC: (Paraphrase):** What was the outreach to the Amish Community?

**Aaron Caudill:** (Director of Land Development for Geenex)

"...We did meet with a couple different, two different Amish landowners, one of which umm basically, we communicated about the project, asked for any questions and had a discussion, umm.

With that particular discussion, umm the landowner asked about sheep grazing programs, and we talked about that some, umm that particular landowner umm expressed interest in participating in the project as a sheep grazer, as he was familiar with livestock.

Umm,

Communication there went silent for a couple years and then that particular landowner reached out to myself and another umm employee of Geenex and made some, umm, threatening comments to us regarding the project.

At that point, we umm, we ceased to communicate with that landowner, umm and umm, my colleague also filed a report with the local officials against that particular Amish landowner.

Then, there was also another within, there was two landowners, the other was an Amish lady that had no concerns or questions really, we just kinda' informed her of the project.

I myself umm purchased umm some honey from this lady and that was, that was it."

**PSC:** "Do you recall when these first discussions occurred"

**Aaron Caudill:** "That would have been in 20, I believe in 2023, 2022 or 2023."

I certify this is a true and accurate account of his testimony to the best of my ability.

