

# Paulding County Commissioners

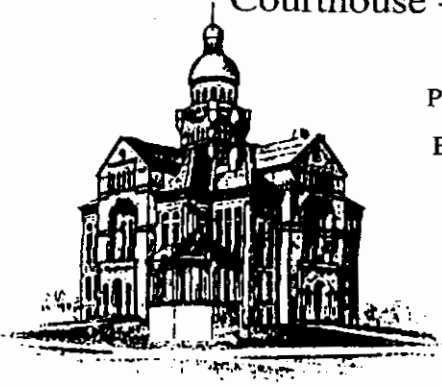
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To the Esteemed Members of Public Utilities Committee;

I am Roy Klopfenstein a Paulding County Commissioner.

Paulding County has enjoyed the benefits of having an operating, commercial-scale wind farm since 2011. We are a rural county of less than 19,000 people. Agriculture is the primary source of income and the addition of wind farms to our community has had many positive affects. Our labor force will not attract a large car manufacturer or other large industries which would bring additional tax base to produce revenue for our schools, townships, and county like wind energy has done for us.

Land owners have enjoyed lease payments that increase each year. Schools have added instructors. Townships have improved roads. The library, EMA, E-911 have all benefitted from their presence.

The integrity and cooperation of the wind companies have been sterling. Their attention to challenges when they present themselves has been excellent. Their support of our community from playgrounds to fairgrounds has made our community a better place to live and raise our families.

We all support positive measures and legislation that would encourage and strengthen the wind energy development in our community.

Roy Klopfenstein  
Paulding County Commissioner