

Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
House Bill 401
Proponent Testimony
November 19, 2019

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson and Members of the Committee, I write to express my support for House Bill 401 (Reineke Referendum).

I strongly believe Ohio needs to allow the local citizens to decide what is best for their communities. I and countless other members of my community have struggled for nearly two years fighting multiple industrial wind projects. At no time, was I ever given an opportunity to vote on whether I even wanted a wind project in my community. I have been rendered voiceless in the current process which instead favors the out of state wind companies and those who would financially benefit for such a project. I do not approve of my community being "for sale" without my consent. It is only proper that every member of a community have the opportunity to vote on a matter that affects so many individuals.

In addition, Ohio must make publicly available the manufacture's safety specifications as required in H.B. 401. It is a matter of public safety that the safe setback distances for employees that are outlined in safety manuals be publicly available. This information is vital to the appropriate siting of industrial wind projects in Ohio.

I ask that you please support H.B. 401 and allow the citizens of Ohio to decide what is best for their communities!

Thank you,

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