

Good evening,

My name is Charles Groth and I want to express my support of HB 401. This is an issue that is extremely personal to me. Citizens such as myself deserve a voice in decisions that will transmogrify our rural communities. These projects present a very unique situation where the impacts are significant and lasting with contracts extending to wind companies up to 53 years in many cases. The state previously believed that it offered a mechanism, as stated by Senator Dolan on December 5th of 2017, with the approval or denial of the AEZ and the granting of PILOT status. This belief has been proven untrue with wind companies continuing to pursue in absence of the PILOT and public support.

My home is located in a quiet, rural setting that my family has dreamed of for many years. After saving our money and patiently waiting, we were able to secure our patch of heaven. This setting is now threatened by two massive wind "farms" immediately next to our property, which also extend into four additional wind farms. Due to this, I have personally taken time off of work and made several trips to Columbus to show support of our cause. I have sat in several Energy and Natural Resources meetings along with many other yellow shirted friends. I will continue to support this cause, as well as the politicians that support the voice of the people in HB 401's passage.

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