

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 11-19-2019

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization _____

Organization (If Applicable): _____

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes _____ No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 401

Specific Issue: _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent _____ Interested Party _____

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No _____

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I SUPPORT LOCAL VOICE WITH REGARDS TO LARGE SCALE WIND TURBINE PROJECTS. THE MAGNITUDE AND IMPACT TO AN AREA IS ENORMOUS

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Proponent Testimony of Anthony J Paradiso
Seneca County, Ohio
HB401- House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
November 19, 2019

Dear Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony with regards to HB 401.

In Seneca County, there are six different large Wind projects in various stages. If approved, these projects will have an enormous impact to the area with little or no local voice in the matter. Citizens with land leases and good neighbor agreements can move forward with no recognition to local zoning laws or neighbor input. They are in the minority. Yet most everything else in our County and Townships are subject to Zoning and other laws along with other local transparent processes.

I live in Pleasant Township/Seneca County and am building an addition to my residential garage. I was required to get a permit from the township, and comply with road setbacks, boundary restrictions and even height restrictions. Yes for my garage. It is not right that less than 1,300 feet away from my property and others in the county a company can build numerous 650 foot turbines all over the county with the local landowners not involved with the project having no voice. I don't think you can compare these projects to a new industry coming to the area that would need to have all the studies and public hearings with local authorities to see if it will be approved. Maybe it won't. Or this can't be compared to a one off special use business that is considering locating to our County. These wind projects are like many businesses coming to our county at one time with no local input. These projects are approved with 40-80 Turbines at one time. They have a tremendous effect on impact and density to an area.

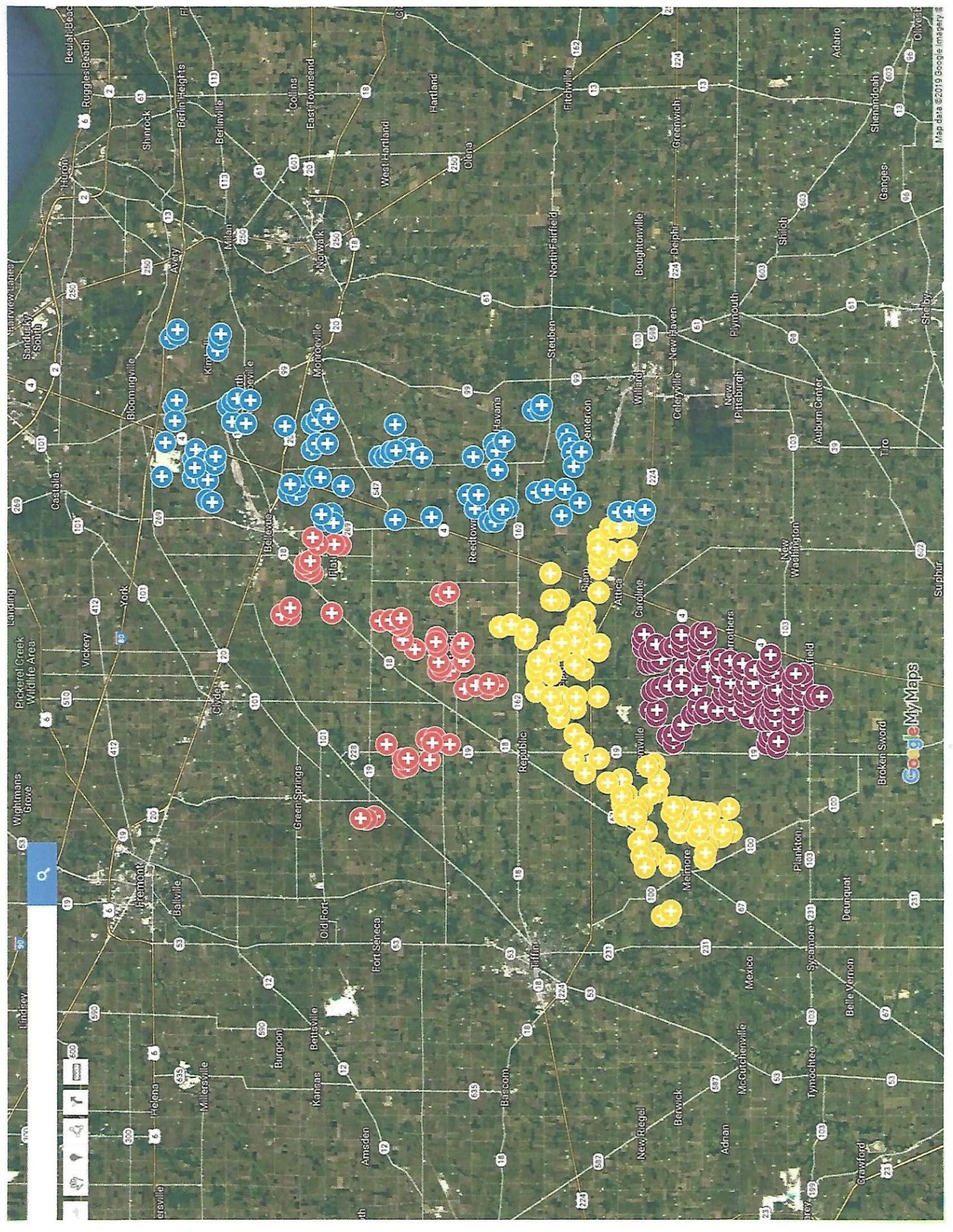
There will be hundreds of these Hugh wind turbines in approximately a 250 mile area. (See map that illustrates 4 different wind projects all of which are in Seneca County). Could hundreds of different businesses come to our area and build with no local input?

I have also attached a copy of the resolution passed by our County Commissioners in support of HD 410. People want a voice.

I strongly support and urge all of you to support House Bill 401, and give all Ohioans a voice with regards to the development of Wind in their communities.

Thank You,

Anthony J Paradiso



IN THE MATTER OF: SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 401

by Mr. Paradiso offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same, which was duly seconded by Mr. Thomas.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Commissioners, ^{ABSENT}~~Mr. Kerschner~~, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Paradiso, being this day in open regular session November 14, 2019, and

WHEREAS, This Board of Seneca County Commissioners is in Support of House Bill 401, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 401 -- is to amend sections 4906.10, 4906.13, 4906.20, and 4906.201; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 519.214 and section 4906.101 and 4906.203 of the Revised Code to require inclusion of safety specifications in wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind turbine setbacks, and to permit a township referendum vote on certain wind farm certificates, now, therefore, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board of Seneca County Commissioners is in support of HB 401 -is to amend sections 4906.10, 4906.13, 4906.20, and 4906.201; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 519.214 and section 4906.101 and 4906.203 of the Revised Code to require inclusion of safety specifications in wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind turbine setbacks, and to permit a township referendum vote on certain wind farm certificates , and

RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Mr. Paradiso - yes

Mr. Kerschner - ABSENT Mr. Thomas - yes

Mr. Paradiso
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I, the undersigned, Clerk to the Board, Seneca County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in Resolution 19 - 229

Michelle Smith
Clerk to the Board