

Good Afternoon Rep. Reineke and All,

I am writing in support of House Bill 401! As a resident of NYS with friends and family in Ohio, I share their future fears and current pain regarding industrial wind facility siting. Here in NYS, Gov. Andrew Cuomo stripped us of home rule in energy facility siting decisions in 2011. Since then, it has been one horrific battle after another to fight to save our rural communities from the desecration caused by these monstrosities. This includes human exposure to shadow flicker and low frequency sound, pollution of well water and industrial land, loss of property values, neighbors fighting neighbors after multiple generations of abiding peacefully side by side, being forced to witness the bloody deaths of countless birds and other flying animals, and much more.

By allowing local local communities to decide their own zoning laws in regard to these industrial energy facilities, citizens become empowered, involved, and educated regarding the results of their decision making. That is democracy! We are watching this closely from NYS, hoping for Ohio to set a neighboring precedent. Our support of your Bill 401 might not directly affect us, but will certainly give us ammunition and hope moving forward as we lobby for a similar action here.

Thank You for this powerful and vital effort,

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