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Re: The Reineke/McColley bills in the Ohio General Assembly

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Reineke/McColley bills covering both a referendum on wind turbines for township residents as well as enlarged setbacks for the turbines. Thank God for legislators who are standing up for the best interests of Ohio residents, not for the economic interests of Big Wind.

I am outraged that Big Wind blew in around 2009, signed up leases in secrecy, the lessors not being able to disclose either their participation or their financial gains. BW cleverly held off the filing of their 5,300 page application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for ten years before it had to hold a "public information meeting" which was a "we'll tell you what we're going to do" meeting. Around that time one lessor was allowed to tell the Norwalk *Reflector* that this project was a wonderful benefit for the county and that he would personally receive \$20,000 a year for his participation.

Opposition had to form in the eleventh hour. I'm so proud of my neighbors who are working very hard to research wind power and to bring all the facts to light. We certainly don't have the staff and corporate lawyers that BW has, but we do what we can. A handful of people raised \$40,000 to hire representation. We're David facing Goliath.

When I called the Lyme Township Trustees for information about the wind turbine project, I received a call from Trustee Roger Hunker, who extolled the virtues of BW, money for the schools, etc. I told him it sounded like a "done deal," and he said it was. Only later did I learn that Mr. Hunker worked for Apex. Another trustee, Dave Leply, has signed a lease for wind turbines on his property. These trustees support BW.

My great-great grandfather Caleb Williams came to Lyme Township in the 1830s, For a brief time, his homestead went out of family ownership, but in 2010 I bought back the two acres with the old house. By then it was past rehabilitation, so I built a new house in 2012. Would I have invested that money had I known that turbines that would loom over my house were already planned not a mile away?

If built, these wind turbines will drastically change my beloved township, tearing up prime farmland and encroaching on residents' quiet enjoyment of their land. If we cannot stop this project and have to live near these monstrous turbines, we need the longest setbacks from our property lines possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Southworth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Anne Southworth