

Re: HB401 and SB234

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To: Energy and Natural Resources Committee

I am writing to you to express support for Ohio House Bill 401 and Senate Bill 234.

I live in a township that is within a proposed wind project and want to share how vitally important it is for residents similarly affected as I will be to have local control of such a major project. We must be given a vote to either approve or deny such a huge project with huge ramifications for our community. Division and strife that are already brewing within affected communities can be resolved, or at least diminished, with a fair vote.

Currently, without a vote, we are at a severe power disadvantage; a huge out-of-town developer with substantial economic means is deciding for us. But with a vote, the majority of the rural residents in the affected townships will have the opportunity to decide what will happen in their townships.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for HB401 and SB234, measures that can ensure local residents a vote to allow or disallow a wind project in their townships.

Respectfully,



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