

Over the last ten years, the OPSB and the Farm Bureau have been working together with the big wind lobbyists to reach this point. Both of these entities plus previous/current Ohio governors/assemblies have been warned by national anti-wind organizations that trying to build wind farms in Ohio's highly populated rural communities without communicating and providing adequate "buffer zones" (setbacks) would only cause community resistance. Here we are fighting back!

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I do **not** want my tax dollars being used as a "tax incentive" to reward big wind companies who want to operate a less than effective, industrialize-wind business that delivers sub-par electrical results with high-dollar investment. We will all have higher electricity rates without true climate change impact. I am against the OPSB, Farm Bureau and big wind companies introducing the European wind model into my community. Their model is to operate in secrecy! Pursue farmers to sign non-disclosure agreements and if you cross that line due to their constantly changing story (height, location, payment terms, health impact, etc.), big wind will sue and grab your land. The European model also is a major tax scheme that evidentially becomes a "wealth transfer" and "land grab without compensation" through property devaluation.

Only after big wind gets the first farm operating will local residents realize the "true" impact on the community – renters move out, unsold homes become abandoned, or sold significantly under the fair market value before IWTs were introduced --anywhere from 35% to 80% less dependent on your home's location to the nearest IWT. Finally, big wind sweeps in and purchases those abandoned/distressed properties for a significantly "depressed price". After collecting enough "cheap" land, the next wind farm project is introduced. Evidently, **small communities will become non-existent**, such as: Bellevue, Flat Rock, Monroeville, and Republic.

I am respectfully asking the Ohio Assembly General, to look at the State of Indiana wind farm regulations. In March 2013, the Indiana Attorney General commissioned Michael McCann an independent appraiser with experience in over 20 wind projects in over a dozen states. Mr. McCann's scope was to evaluate property value impact and zoning compliance. Mr. McCann concluded that the Tipton County setbacks were inadequate to avoid significant loss of property value. Today, Indiana's counties have local control. One county, Kosciusko, has some of the strictest wind regulations – setbacks of 3,960 feet or 6.5x height of turbine to property lines, sound restriction of 32 dba, zero shadow flicker and property value guarantee for landowners within 2 miles of a wind turbine.

Another reason, I oppose the IWTs, Bellevue is built on fragile karst bedrock. Attempting to place tons of weight above/below the ground will cause substantial damage to the bedrock and lead to more flooding every time it rains instead of only when the water levels are high, which will contribute to additional property devaluation.

I would appreciate my voice and vote being effectively heard at a local township level. Thank you!

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