

Dear Ohio Legislators:

I am Dominic J. Miller, I live at 1582 St. Rt. 4, Bellevue, Huron County, Sherman Twp., Ohio. I am writing this in support of House Bill 401 and Senate Bill 234.

Here in Huron, Seneca, Erie, Sandusky, and Crawford counties we have SEVEN Industrial Wind Turbine projects in various stages of development. They are Seneca Wind, Emerson Creek Wind, Emerson Creek West, Greenwich Windpark, Republic Wind, Buck Springs Wind, and Honey Creek Wind. If all these projects get approved and built, we will have well in excess of 300, 490ft. to 657-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines in our rural farm communities, successfully transforming our quiet, scenic landscape into a sprawling Industrial Zone that will never be the same again. Beautiful sunsets will be obstructed forever.

I have lived at my current residence for 39 years with my wife, Diane. We have raised 2 sons, who are married and moved on, but still live in the area. We have built our property from the ground up on my wife's family farm and are very proud to call this HOME. In a couple years we plan on retiring to enjoy our property. There won't be much to enjoy if these projects get built with Turbines flickering, blinking, and making noise. We sure didn't ever intend to move; this is our home. We love it here. We also can not afford to lose the equity we have built up in our property this close to retirement. If you are naïve enough to believe the Pro-Wind smoke, they are blowing that Industrial Wind Turbines do not affect property values, then we have a problem. Just answer these questions: If **YOUR** home was surrounded by 657-foot-tall Turbines just some 1400 feet from your property line, would your home be worth the same as it is today????? Would **YOU** still want to live there????? Would **YOUR** children or grandchildren be safe playing in the yard????? Be honest.

The local vote proposed by these bills seems to be our only chance to stop these projects. Every card in the deck is stacked against us, we don't even get a two of spades to play. The Republic Wind Project is currently having their hearing at the Ohio Siting Board. At this point, this just appears to be another sham. Republic Wind continuously talks in circles and will not answer a simple yes or no question. Their "Expert" witnesses seem to just be travelling professional Big Wind cronies that do not know very much about this project. The members of the Siting Board seem to be missing in action here and also at the Public Hearings. It seems to me that if they are really going to do their job to the best of their ability of siting these projects, they would be there in person to see what is going on in living color. You can not get the full effect of the heartfelt testimony of residents from a Staff Report. PLEASE give us one card to play.

Big Wind and their lobbyists have infiltrated and bought off every level of Governments all over the world to promote this giant scam. Sherman Township, where I live, has two of the three Trustees who have been signed up, one as a lease holder and one as a "Good Neighbor". This leaves us with no local intervention in the Emerson Creek Wind Project. This seems to be another Big Wind tactic, get as many local officials on board so they can not object to anything.

My Trustees have been advised by the County Prosecutor that they can not vote on or even discuss anything to do with this Project. I am 100 percent certain that our Trustees now regret signing these leases because they fear that the Township roads will be destroyed if this Project gets built and they can not do a thing about it. According to Apex's estimates, Sherman Township will receive approximately \$30,000 per year for the life of the project. It costs approximately \$80,000 to repave one mile of a one lane road. The Trustees do not believe for a second that the Wind Company will correctly repair all the roads that will be destroyed so they last past the one-year window that is promised. Our Township has very little income now, but they realize that the promised \$30,000 per year is a drop in the bucket for the long-term damage that will be caused. This will not bode well on their reputation as very good Trustees in the past. We have other local residents that signed leases approximately ten years ago when the Wind Developers signed up these leases, promising them, 200-foot-tall turbines, lots of money, and it will probably never happen, just sign here, your neighbor did, and get free money. There have been many who have since regretted signing and can not get out of their leases and not for the lack of trying. If we can get a local vote, this will give all these individuals a voice that the wind companies can not stop because of some gag order in their leases. PLEASE give us one card to play.

PLEASE support these bills and put them on the fast track to approval as time is of essence for us to have a chance to stop the ruination of our beautiful area. Please take a moment to put yourself in our shoes, would you have these 675-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines built around *your* homes, around *your* families, based on only a few local residents getting paid to love them and some paid off politicians thinking they are going to save the planet only to pad their pockets. We have to raise thousands of dollars and spend countless hours away from our jobs and families trying to fight multi-million-dollar companies who are not even from Ohio and who could care less about the people that live here. They are only here for one thing, the money. Currently our only voice is a one-time Public hearing with the Siting Board who doesn't even show up. We desperately need to have this one chance with a voice that actually counts. If we lose the election, then we know that the majority of the Township residents actually want to live in an Industrial Zone. Isn't that the way a Democracy is supposed to work? PLEASE GIVE US ONE CARD TO PLAY!!!!!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic J. Mott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.