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Support of House Bill 401

As residents living between two proposed wind turbine projects, we support HB 401 giving local residents a vote to allow or disallow issues/projects that will greatly impact their way of living. The inception of the proposed wind projects was not common knowledge in our rural community. Lease holders chose to risk their quality of life for monetary gain. Non-lease holders living in and near the projects do not have a choice.

We reside between two proposed wind projects: Republic Wind and Emerson Creek. We are at a greater risk of being negatively impacted by these projects than many of the signed lease holders. These turbines are located to the north, south, east and west of our house and are closer in proximity to our home than to most of the signed lease holder's residences.

We have attended township meetings in several counties within the aforementioned projects. Residents living within and near these projects can no longer depend on many township trustees and local leaders to work together to consider the welfare of our rural communities. Many of these trustees/leaders are wind turbine lease holders with one wind lease holder township trustee also being an Apex employee. A couple of these trustees refused to address concerns of non-leaseholders at several meetings that we attended. This conflict of interest promotes their personal gain. Those *leaders* are putting their own self-interest before the concerns of many local residents they are supposed to be representing. This self-interest does not promote the general welfare nor support the common good.

Local residents should have a say in consequential matters that will significantly alter their way of life. It is not justifiable to allow others not residing in or near our rural communities to make decisions that will change our chosen way of living, health, safety, and property. HB 401 will allow all local residents the choice to voice their opinion to allow or disallow a project that will greatly impact their way of life.

Respectfully,
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