

## HB401- House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, ranking member Denson, and members of the committee, my name is Jena Aichholz and I am writing this short letter in support of HB 401 which would allow a referendum in affected townships on large wind farms.

Our home and family's safety is the most important things in the world to me. These proposed wind turbine projects will put both of these things at severe risk. This is all while not giving us any official voice in the process. The current system in Ohio affords my family little to no say and only a spot in the process by spending thousands of dollars on expensive legal counsel. The Ohio Power Siting Board are not members of our community and therefore they have NO RIGHT to decide the future of our community. HB 401 gives back the power to local people to decide what is best for their communities.

I again ask you to support HB 401 and help thousands of people in the process. You truly can make a difference and ensure we are afforded a voice. Forcing a project on a community creates long lasting devastating effects. If a township electorate is allowed to vote on a project, there is a better chance for community acceptance.



Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jena L. Aichholz".

Jena L. Aichholz

Seneca County Resident