

Dear Chairman Nino Vitale

My name is Kurt Lease, I live at 5251 East County Road 16 Tiffin, Ohio 44883. In April 2018 many of my friends and neighbors found out that our area was in the footprint of the Seneca Wind wind farm. In the first few months after finding out about the projects many of us attended township trustees meetings and county commissioners meetings trying to figure out if there was anything that could be done to protect us locally. We were told that by not granting a PILOT payment the commissioners could possibly deter the projects. Well we all know that doesn't work by the fact Scioto Ridge Wind Farm is proceeding in Logan County. We were told that the township trustees could intervene against the projects but at first the trustees were going to have to hire their own lawyer to represent them.....but the trustees couldn't afford it. The property owners that were against the projects were "up a creek without a paddle"

HB 401 is the only way to truly give the people in the area effected local control over what is taking place in their backyard. I've been farm raised and own 100 acres that have been farmed by the Lease family for over 100 years. I understand that people are entitled to do what they want to do with their property. But I don't think that a few landowner s should be able to change an entire corner of our county into an industrial area without any input from the community.

Our community has been REPEATEDLY told that there is so much support for alternative energy projects and that the members of the community labeled "anti wind" are a vocal minority. If that is the case then a referendum on wind projects would have no problem getting the votes to allow construction to take place. The community can say they had a say in what's happening in the community and if accepted the projects can get built. If rejected then the developer can look for a more accepting place.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kurt Lease", written in black ink.

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