

**Dear Members of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate:
Re: HB 401 and SB234**

My name is Patricia Didion and my husband and I reside in Huron County at 4765 Williams Road, Bellevue, Ohio. We are asking for you to support our right to vote on whether to have huge 655 foot industrial turbines in our residential and agricultural landscapes. Please read my summary of our dilemma. Currently we have no local control or even a voice except to write to the power siting board. That is not enough!

My husband and I built our home some 51 years ago on land that has been in the family for many decades. My husband and his two brothers own and farm 500 acres in Huron County's Sherman, Lyme and Ridgefield townships. They farm an additional 500 acres. They -- and many other farmers -- **did not** sign a wind turbine lease. We are strongly opposed to the wind turbines.

We are in the footprint of the Emerson Creek project. There is an industrial sized turbine (T23) planned within 1330 feet of our farm property. In addition there is also an electrical substation and several overhead power lines planned less than a mile away.

This turbine (T23) is located very close to a Columbia natural gas pipe line and the Megginson Creek. The gas line may fail or malfunction due to all of the heavy construction equipment, invasive construction process and seismic vibrations. The concrete and rebar base of the turbine will destroy the area field drainage and the functions of the creek. Flooding and rerouting of the creek may occur and impact the drainage of our own fields which are in the creek watershed. Note: This turbine is also located in an area identified in the past as contributing to the Bellevue Karst ground watershed.

The population density of this location is significant. This industrial sized turbine (T23) 655 feet tall is located almost in the middle of 12 homes which immediately surround it within a half mile or less. Within a mile radius, an additional 15 homes are located, two businesses and one public campground.

This turbine (T23) has roads surrounding it entirely within ½ - ¾ mile radius. They include a four lane State Route 20 and township and county roads. State Route 20 is a major Ohio east-west highway which has several thousands of vehicles using it each day. The potential for injury due to ice and blade throws exists. Note: Blade throws in Ohio have been reported that exceed setback measurements. Safety to the residents and motorists will be impaired.

This turbine (T23) and other turbines located nearby may impact decisions regarding future business and residential development along Route 20. Turbine T23 is located within 3 miles of Monroeville village limits and 4 miles of Bellevue city limits. Let us not impair further growth and development along Route 20 and other Huron and Erie county roads by placing huge turbines in our midst!

Other interesting notes are that this area may include Indian or other archeological artifacts. It is also known to be an established deer crossing. These deer will not return nor will other wildlife.

These industrial sized wind turbines will negatively impact our real estate values, landscapes, soil integrity, waterways, and wild life forever! They will further reduce agricultural acreage which is one of Ohio's greatest industries. Even more importantly, they have the potential to negatively impact our health and well-being and cause concern for our safety.

Our tax dollars, our hard earned money, are paying for and supporting the planning and building of these wind turbine projects. According to Warren Buffet, "The only reason to build wind turbines is for the tax credit". It is unacceptable that some people are and will be reaping huge benefits from such a project that is thrusting such huge monuments in our environment.

These turbines are only 20-30% effective as an alternative energy source. We have other more productive and reliable energy sources. They are too big, too expensive to build and maintain, and will cost taxpayers a huge fortune! Our own electricity bills will increase. Power will be sold to other states or countries. Out of state or foreign countries will own and manage our wind projects. Can we not learn from the serious mistakes made with these in other countries and our own?

These turbines are not the answer for Erie, Huron, Seneca, or Sandusky counties. These wind projects essentially change everyone in its footprint from **residential** and **agricultural** to that of **industrial** status. The turbine risks outweigh the benefits! Erie and Huron county and other counties facing these projects do not need the turbine sounds, infrasound, seismic vibrations, blade flicker, and flashing night lights near our communities, townships and homes. We do not need interference with our TV and farm machinery reception, aerial farm field spraying or landing of rescue helicopters.

Health concerns involve the negative effects of infrasound, shadow flicker and seismic vibrations. Several illnesses have been observed and reported in many medical journals and the World Health Organization. Studies conducted by wind companies refuse to acknowledge them. Children with illnesses, learning disabilities and other special needs may be negatively impacted. Adults and children may develop heart disease, depression, and sleep disorders.

Please support our right to have a voice on this important issue. Right now we have no local control or zoning to protect our home and land owner's rights. One of our Lyme Township trustees is a wind company employee and another is a lease holder. Please vote Yes on HB 401 and SB 234! Please let us have a voice! Thank you for your kind consideration!

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