

December 3, 2019

Representative Nino Vitale, Chair
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Vitale,

My name is John Stockmeister and I am a rural resident and farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401.

When my family bought property here in Seneca County many generations ago, I never thought that others would be so concerned with what I do with it. House Bill 401 would completely take that right away from me; I don't feel that others who live in my township should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property in my name, and legally mine, especially after it goes through a legal permitting process enforced by the state. I hope the people voting on this bill consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

John Stockmeister

cc: Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Representative Bill Reineke