

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 Kurt Dunn and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County. I have lived on my farm for my whole life and future generations plan on living here as well. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401.

With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. This is especially pressing this year with the rain making planting season a disaster and threatening the income of all the farmers in the area. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to diversify our income. It would be such a relief to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

House Bill 401 would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put complete control of MY farm land in the hands of my township and other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. If this bill passes, at what point will all of the decisions on how to use my land be made my township? Will a hog barn have to go up to a township referendum? Will a grain bin? I should have control over how my land is best used, not my township.

Other residents would say that I am only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of my farm land. My land is a valuable resource and I will do everything in my power to make sure it stays in my family's name.

Respectfully,
Kurt Dunn

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