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

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chairman Vitale:

My name is Paul Dvorak and I am a life-long Ohio resident. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401 for several reasons.

First, the bill lets Ohio legislators abdicates responsibility to local communities. This sounds fine but well-funded advocates for the bill will flood the communities with propaganda and misinformation, just as they did to pass House Bill 6. Recall that failure to pass HB6, said scare-mongering TV ads, would let China steal Ohio energy. That was pure nonsense. Yet, HB6 passed easily. HB401 sets up a similar scenario.

Second, if local control is important, repeal HB6 and let the residents and businesses impacted by it vote on it.

Lastly, if you are honestly interested in jobs, especially jobs in rural communities and the wellbeing of Ohio farmers, unleash the wind industry, don't hobble it by abdicating your responsibility. We sent you to Columbus to make tough decisions, not to handicap the state's economic development with political games. Do your job.

Respectfully,
Paul Dvorak

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