

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,

Hi, my name is Scott Kagy. I am retired from the Ohio Department of Transportation and own a farm with my family. We live within the Honey Creek Wind Project. Due to my past career, I take the quality of our roads quite seriously. I also know that the state, the county, and the local townships do not have extra funding to improve the roads. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401.

Upon approval, the turbines will allow for our roads to not only be improved but some will be entirely replaced, and all will be left better than they are currently. Funding for roads and other road improvements are something necessary for our community. Apex is guaranteeing us that our roads will be repaired, and improvements will be made.

These improvements would not be possible if the project is derailed from the passing of House Bill 401. This bill would make all efforts and aspects of the wind turbine project come to an absolute halt due to the referendum placing complete control of the wind turbines in the hands of the township. This control should be in the hands of the landowners choosing how to use their land, not the township stripping farmers of our property rights.

I am also concerned that the passing of this bill would take away my family's right to a diversified income. My father is aging, and all his farm land will be passed down to my brother and I. We need to figure out new, innovative ways to bring money in. Overall, the Honey Creek Wind Project is a win for not only my family, but for the residents within the project areas.

I hope you would take this into account and vote no on House Bill 401.

Respectfully,

Scott Kagy

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

