

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 Clifford Martin and I am a rural resident and property owner 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. When the opportunity of building wind turbines was brought to my attention, it sparked an interest; I was excited that I could have a guaranteed income every year on the parcels of land that I signed up with Apex Clean Energy. If the state would allow others, that do not own my land, to persuade them that the wind turbines are not necessary, it would completely take that right away from me; I don't feel that those who do not own my land, do not pay my land tax, etc. should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property in my name. I hope the people voting on House Bill 401 consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

Clifford Martin

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