

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 Jim Schumacher and I live in Seneca County, Ohio with property within a proposed wind project area and I am opposed to House Bill 401.

House Bill 401 includes a referendum on wind energy projects after they receive a permit from the state. I find this amendment to be an attack on property rights and an attack on businesses investing in the state.

Participation in these wind projects is a choice, one that many in my community have made. Whether folks are choosing to participate as a source of income, to see the state move forward to more renewable energy sources, or for any other reasons, this is a choice for the landowner and the landowner alone to make. A referendum process like the one proposed strips away that choice from landowners such as myself and gives the township control over what I do with my land. This takes away my property rights and the other participating landowners' property rights.

This bill should not become law, and I encourage you to vote against this bill. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Jim Schumacher

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