

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 Ron Fry. I live in Seneca County and I'm writing to you today to offer opponent testimony on House Bill 401.

My wife and I have worked hard in our community all our lives. My wife is a retired schoolteacher. We've been responsible, saved, and invested in land in rural Seneca County. Now, we have an opportunity to secure our retirement on the land by generating wind energy. Unfortunately, House Bill 401 would allow the township to come in and take away our retirement income. It's important to remember, we moved here because it's an unzoned township and we wanted to be able to take advantage of opportunities to be productive on our land.

When our neighbor plants corn around our land, it provides a nice buffer from sound and light from the highway. When he plants soybeans, that buffer is gone. Should we be able to vote to prevent our neighbor from growing soybeans? Of course not. He should have the right to work his land as he chooses to support himself and his family. All I ask is that my wife and I be given the opportunity to do the same.

Please stand with us and allow us to secure a retirement. Vote no on House Bill 401.

Respectfully,

Ron Fry

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