

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 Ken Stockmeister Sr. and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401. I have lived on my farm for my whole life and future generations plan on living here as well.

With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. It would be such a relief to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what I do with MY land, would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of MY farm land in the hands of other locals and that is absolutely infuriating.

Other residents would say that I am only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of my farm land. My land is a valuable resource and I will do everything in my power to make sure it stays in my family's name.

Respectfully,

Ken Stockmeister

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