

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

House Bill 401 not only threatens the property rights of Ohio landowners, but it also threatens the numerous economic benefits that wind energy will bring to our area. Wind farms provide new careers, large tax payments to our schools, and economic stimulus from landowner payments being spent in our local area. In addition to these many benefits, wind farms also improve area roads by upgrading them to meet the demands of construction.

This bill seems to just be about preventing wind energy to please a few vocal opponents. Putting a local referendum on the ballot after power siting board process will make Ohio unattractive to investments in wind energy. That's the last thing our area needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to make my voice heard—please oppose House Bill 401.

Respectfully,

Vicki Ziegler

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