

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 Phil Dunn and I'm an Ohio farmer. I, like thousands of farmers across our great state, work hard to make a living on my land. My land is my living, it's my retirement, and it's what I'll pass on to my kids and their kids. Which is why it made me absolutely livid to hear about House Bill 401.

Let's be very clear: this bill has nothing to do with local control. It has everything to do with taking away my rights in order for legislators to win votes.

Playing politics with my farm is outrageous and an insult to Ohioans and our proud agricultural heritage. You folks have no problem sending me a gigantic property tax bill... but then when I want to produce wind energy so I can afford your taxes, you do everything in your power to stop it.

As a landowner, I ought to have the right to decide what I'll do on my land, NOT my neighbors. Letting my neighbors run my farm would be like letting Michigan run Ohio... and we all know how bad that would be. Just let farmers farm—including the wind—so they can preserve our agricultural heritage.

I hope you'll stand with farmers and oppose House Bill 401.

Respectfully,

Phil Dunn

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