

January 12, 2020

Dear Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman, Senator Energy & Public Utilities Committees

Subject: Approve Senate Bill 234 – Allow Local Residents the Right to Vote on Wind Turbines

First, thank you for re-considering the Reineke Referendum! **I want my voice heard along with my fellow township residents!** If these IWTs are approved, I will live within 0.9 mile of 2 turbines and 2 miles of another 9.

Over the last ten years, the OPSB and the Farm Bureau have been working together with the big wind lobbyists to reach this point. Both of these entities plus previous/current Ohio governors/assemblies have been warned by national anti-wind organizations that trying to build wind farms in Ohio's highly populated rural communities without communicating and providing adequate "buffer zones" (setbacks) that would not impact the health of residents would only cause community resistance. **Here we are fighting back!**

I do **not** want my tax dollars being used as a "tax incentive" to reward big wind companies who want to operate a less then effective, industrialize-wind business that delivers sub-par electrical results with high-dollar investment. We will all have higher electricity rates without true climate change impact. I am against the OPSB, Farm Bureau and big wind companies introducing the European wind model into my community. Their model is to operate in secrecy! Pursue farmers to sign non-disclosure agreements and if you cross that line due to their constantly changing story (height, location, payment terms, health impact, etc.), big wind will sue and grab your land. The European model also is a major tax scheme that evidentially becomes a "wealth transfer" and "land grab without compensation" through property de-evaluation.

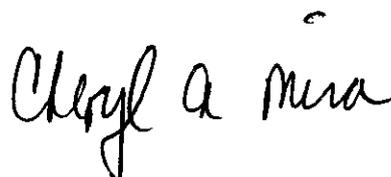
Only after big wind gets the first farm operating will local residents realize the "true" impact on the community – renters move out, unsold homes become abandoned, or sold significantly under fair market value before IWTs were introduced --anywhere from 35% to 80% less than FMV dependent on your home's location to the nearest IWT. Finally, big wind sweeps in and purchases those abandoned/distressed properties for a significantly "depressed price". After collecting enough "cheap" land, the next wind farm project is introduced. Evidently, **small communities will become non-existent**, such as: Bellevue, Flat Rock, Monroeville, and Republic.

I am respectfully asking the Ohio Assembly General, to look at the State of Indiana wind farm regulations. In March 2013, the Indiana Attorney General commissioned Michael McCann an independent appraiser with experience in over 20 wind projects in over a dozen states. Mr. McCann's scope was to evaluate property value impact and zoning compliance. Mr. McCann concluded that the Tipton County setbacks were inadequate to avoid significant loss of property value. Today, Indiana's counties have local control. One county, Kosciusko County, has some of the strictest wind regulations – setbacks of 3,960 feet or 6.5x height of turbine to property lines, sound restriction of 32 dba, zero shadow flicker and property value guarantee for landowners within 2 miles of a wind turbine.

Another reason, I oppose the IWTs, Bellevue is built on fragile karst bedrock. Attempting to place tons of weight above/below the ground will cause substantial damage to the bedrock and lead to more flooding every time it rains instead of only when the water levels are high, which will contribute to additional property devaluation.

I would appreciate my voice and vote being effectively heard at a local township level. Thank you!

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Subject: Approve the Reineke Referendum – SB 234

My late husband and I built my present home 53 years ago in Groton Township, Erie County, Bellevue. We have lived and raised our family in this quiet, semi-rural sub-division every sense. If OPSB and State of Ohio allow Apex Clean Energy to install 71 industrial wind turbines (IWT) within the Emerson Creek Wind Farm (18-1607-EL-BGN), there will be 11 IWTs in our immediate backyard – 2 of them within 0.9 mile and the other 9 within 2.0 miles with the ability to see almost all 71 of them.

I do **NOT** need Union Executives to write a “canned contractor support letter” and instruct hundreds of construction workers who do **NOT** live in this area and who will commute home every night to sign and submit their support as a condition of employment.

I do **NOT** need Apex Executives to write a “canned lease holder support letter” and instruct leaseholders to sign and submit their support as a condition to collect their monthly lease payments. Participating farmers/land owners have had the time (at least 10 years) to re-locate their residency to other cities/townships so they will **NOT** be impacted by the turbines that they are “publicly” supporting.

I am writing because I want my voice and vote heard. Around December 2018, the Bellevue non-participating public started to hear tidbits regarding IWTs/wind farms. I have **NOT** had the opportunity in the last ten (10) years to sell my house as participating leaseholders had. Both Apex and the Ohio Farm Bureau have not been informative or open with their communication to the general non-participating community. **Who is going to reimburse me for the loss value of my home?** Is Apex or the State of Ohio going to reimburse me the difference on my devaluated house?

Over the years, I have observed numerous storms roll through this area where the water table has been so high and the flooding occurs from underground. The karst is very fragile in this area and Apex is proposing to build turbines on/in Ohio’s largest karst area – the Bellevue/Castalia. I am concerned about the weight of these IWTs (both above and below the ground) resulting in additional flooding and contaminated water.

As a senior citizen, I am concerned about the impact these IWTs will have on my health (heart, sleep deprivation, noise, flicking shadows, etc.) and my ability to sell my house.

My house is my biggest investment and I was considering selling this year to fund my nursing home days. President Trump recently stated, if you can see an IWT from your home, your home just lost 65% of its value. **Who will buy my home now? Do you expect me to abandon my home without compensation?**

Therefore, I am respectfully asking the Ohio General Assembly to allow each local township to vote on their future. Thank you for your consideration.

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