

January 7, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman,

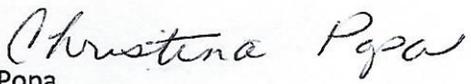
I am writing in favor of SB 234; I am unable to come to Columbus due to job responsibilities. I live in Richmond Township in Huron County and I am in the footprints of two proposed industrial wind generation facilities.

I am opposed to these industrial wind generation facilities from being built so close to our home in a quiet, dark rural setting. I am concerned about the shadow flicker, noise, infrasound and the health effects from these. I have concerns about the decline in property values if these would be erected. I do not want to come home from work and have to deal with shadow flicker while preparing and eating my evening meal, working in my flower beds or taking a walk. I do not want to sit on my back deck and have to listen to the noise. I definitely do not want to lose sleep due to the noise and infrasound and have to suffer the consequences of being sleep deprived. I said NO to the wind companies. I did not sign a lease agreement or a good neighbor agreement.

SB 234 will allow local residents to have a vote; this is our home, we live here, pay taxes, and support the community. I have spoken with and gone to township and commissioners meetings. This has done no good, the only thing they could do was to deny the PILOT. I have gone to school board meeting to ask them to remain neutral on this subject. I have written to my State Representative and Senator. I have written to PUCO and spoke with and written to the OPSB. Although they acknowledge that they received communication from me, there seems little they can do until the laws in Ohio change. I feel as if I have no say in this and that is wrong.

SB 234 will also make the setbacks from the property lines be those of the manufacture which is farther back then the current setbacks for Ohio. There was a safety workshop at the Ohio Power Siting Board in 2019 that addressed this issue. There are areas across the United States where the setbacks are being changed to protect local residents. Many of these are 1 mile or more.

Please support SB 234.

Sincerely,

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