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Senator Steve Wilson

Chairman

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Sir,

I have been a bird watcher for most of my life. I feed the birds almost every day. I have a birdbath in the trees beside my home where even the deer come to drink.

I support the Black Swamp Bird Observatory and the wonderful things they do to support our birds. This area of Ohio is so rich in its bird life. It contains a mecca of species of birds that rest before they cross Lake Erie every spring and fall. The amount of money that this area enjoys from the tourism that these birds bring is staggering. Especially the Eagles! I live near the first eagle nest found in Huron County after they had become endangered. At that time the DNR rangers guarded that nest dawn to dusk as it was close to the road. Now it doesn't matter if they are killed. It was on the news that a man is facing jail time and thousands of dollars in fines for killing an eagle. But our government is allowing these turbines to kill our eagles, no questions asked. I know that there is a limit, but if you think that

they know their way around this "limit" you are fooling yourselves. When they reach it, they can sell or reorganize their company and start the killing all over again! Your constituents know this. This is a main topic of discussion of every bird enthusiast.

Please accept my support of HB 234 and allow our people to vote on this important issue.

Thank you,

*Diane Meyer  
Ridgefield Twp.  
Huron County*

Senator Steve Wilson  
Chairman  
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Committee

Dear Sir,

I would like to ask when was the last time there was an eagle study done? From what I was told it was 2011. Don't you think this has changed by now? Apex has such inaccurate numbers. Do you wish to just believe these numbers than to order ODNR to do a study of our own? Or if you just accept these numbers it means you aren't responsible for eagles killed by wind turbines when you were "unaware" of a nearby nest. Doesn't the law say ignorance is no excuse?

Our state has worked so hard to bring the eagle population back. Why pay these people to protect our eagles for so many years and turn around and say, oh well? Do you ever think or care how our wildlife officers feel right now. It is a slap in the face to them.

I think HB234 bringing the vote back to the citizens is the right thing to do. Please accept my support.

Thank you, Robert Smith  
Peru Township  
Huron County

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Chairman

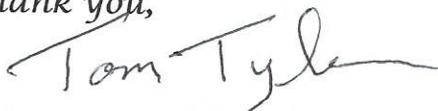
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Dear Senator Wilson,

I would like to let you know that I support bill HB234. This issue of 600 ft. industrial wind turbines being put around our homes without any say of the local people is shocking beyond belief! I would have never thought this would happen in the democracy of our wonderful State of Ohio. This committee has been put together by our governor, not voted upon by the people.

It's time the vote goes to the people to decide and let the chips fall where they may.

Thank you,



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Huron County

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Sir,

I wish to be one of the many citizens who are supporting HB234. I am so thankful that we have such wonderful representation in Columbus as Representative Dick Stein and Senator Nathan Manning that support their constituents no matter the grief they get from many other reps in Columbus. They know what is good for this area. They know that shoving these wind turbines down the throats of the people in northern Ohio is not the right thing to do.

A committee is appointed to make these decisions without a vote. We never got to research what kind of people they are. What is their work ethic. What do they believe? We do that when we vote. But they are assigned without our knowledge of these people. This is not the right way to do this. Our country believes in the majority vote. And there was no vote for these people that make such important decisions. They don't have to worry about being voted out of office so they have no worries.

Thank you,

*Michelle Schaffer*  
*Norwalk City*  
*Huron County*

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Chairman  
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Dear Sir,

I wish for you to acknowledge the support I have for HB 234. I have always had the understanding that our country was founded on our rights to vote. Where does it say, only on issues that the state thinks we are smart enough to understand? Apparently our government does not think that we are capable of making the decision on what is right and good for our county. So our Ohio State government decided to take away our votes and override the zoning laws we make for our county to do whatever they want. There seems to be no compassion for your constituents. Power has definitely gone to the heads of certain politicians. Things need to be fixed in Columbus.

Thank you,

*Elizabeth Schaefer  
Ridgefield Township  
Huron County*