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Dear Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I am Dominic J. Miller, I live at 1582 St. Rt. 4, Bellevue, Huron County, Sherman Twp., Ohio. I live in the footprint of the proposed Emerson Creek Wind Project. I am writing this in support of Senate Bill 234.

Here in Huron, Seneca, Erie, Sandusky, and Crawford counties we currently have SEVEN Industrial Wind Turbine projects in various stages of development. They are Seneca Wind, Emerson Creek Wind, Emerson Creek West, Greenwich Windpark, Republic Wind, Buck Springs Wind, and Honey Creek Wind. If all these projects get approved and built, we will have well in excess of 300, 490ft. to 657-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines in our rural farm communities, successfully transforming our quiet, scenic landscape into a sprawling Industrial Zone that will NEVER be the same again. Beautiful sunsets will be obstructed forever.

I have lived at my current residence for 39 years with my wife, Diane. We have raised 2 sons, who are married and moved on, but still live in the area. We have built our property from the ground up on my wife's family farm and are very proud to call this HOME. In a couple years we plan on retiring to enjoy our property. There won't be much to enjoy if these projects get built with Turbines flickering, blinking, and making noise. We sure didn't ever intend to move; this is our home. We love it here. We also cannot afford to lose the equity we have built up in our property this close to retirement. If you are naïve enough to believe the Pro-Wind smoke, they are blowing that Industrial Wind Turbines do not affect property values, then we have a serious problem. Just answer these questions: If **YOUR** home was surrounded by 657-foot-tall Turbines just some 1400 feet from your property line, would your home be worth the same as it is today???? Would **YOU** still want to live there???? Would **YOUR** children or grandchildren be safe playing in the yard???? Be honest.

The local vote proposed by these bills seems to be our only chance to stop these projects. Every card in the deck is stacked against us. The Republic Wind Project had their Adjudatory Hearing at the Ohio Siting Board in early November, 2019, in which I attended the first day of testimony. This just appears to be another sham. Republic Wind continuously talked in circles and would not answer a simple yes or no question. Their "Expert" witnesses seemed to just be travelling professional Big Wind cronies that do not know very much about this project. The members of the Ohio Power Siting Board were missing in action at this Hearing and also at the Public Hearings. It seems to me that if they are really going to do their job to the best of their ability of siting these projects, they would be there in person to see what is going on in living color. You cannot get the full effect of the heartfelt testimony of residents from a Staff Report, if in fact any of these testimonies even matter, or is this just another box for the OPSB to check off in the process? The whole OPSB process is an antiquated dinosaur that is only geared to site energy projects and has nothing to do with protecting the safety of the citizens of Ohio. There is new evidence worldwide every day on all the health issues created by Industrial Wind Turbines. No one seems to listen.

Big Wind and their lobbyists have infiltrated and bought off every level of Governments all over the world to promote this giant scam. Sherman Township, where I live, has two of the three Trustees who have been signed up, one as a lease holder and one as a "Good Neighbor". This leaves us with no local intervention in the Emerson Creek Wind Project. This seems to be another Big Wind tactic, get as many local officials on board so they can not object to anything. My Trustees have been advised by the Huron County Prosecutor that they cannot vote on or even discuss anything to do with this Project. I am 100 percent certain that our Trustees now regret signing these leases because they fear that the Township roads will be destroyed if this Project gets built and they cannot do a thing about it. According to Apex's estimates, Sherman Township will receive approximately \$30,000 per year for the life of the project. It costs approximately \$80,000 to repave one mile of a one lane road. The Trustees do not believe for a second that the Wind Company will correctly repair all the roads that will be destroyed so they last past the one-year window that is promised. Our Township has very little income now, but they realize that the promised \$30,000 per year is a drop in the bucket for the long-term damage that will be caused. This will not bode well on their reputation as very good Trustees in the past. We have other local residents that signed leases approximately ten years ago when the Wind Developers signed up these leases, promising them, 200-foot-tall turbines, lots of money, and it will probably never happen, just sign here, your neighbor did, and get free money. There have been many who have since regretted signing and cannot get out of their leases and not for the lack of trying. If we can get a local vote, this will give all these individuals a voice that the wind companies cannot stop because of some gag order in their leases. After an attempt to get my Trustees to send a letter of support for Senate Bill 234, which the Trustees passed a motion to do, under the condition that the Huron County Prosecutor would approve it. The Huron County Prosecutors Office advised them NOT to do this as it could be considered a conflict of interest. Perhaps his hands are in the Big Wind cookie jar also. Since when is supporting a local majority vote a conflict of interest? Isn't that what a Democracy is supposed to be all about?

PLEASE support this bill and put it on the fast track to approval as time is of essence for us to have a chance to stop the ruination of our beautiful area. Please take a moment to put yourself in our shoes, would you have these 675-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines built around your homes, around your families, based on only a few local residents getting paid to love them and some paid off politicians thinking they are going to save the planet only to pad their pockets? We have to raise thousands of dollars to pay lawyers' fees and spend countless hours away from our jobs and families trying to fight multi-million-dollar companies who are not even from Ohio or even the USA, and who could care less about the people that live here. They are only here for one thing, THE MONEY!! There are two categories of people who support Big Wind. The first are those who are paid or are making money from Big Wind. The second is people who choose not to get educated on all the negatives of wind energy. Currently our only voice is a one-time Public Hearing with the Siting Board who doesn't even show up. We desperately need to have this one chance with a voice that actually counts. If this bill passes,

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this vote would be the one single most important vote these people in their Township would EVER cast in their life. If a majority of the residents in the Township votes for the Project, then we know that the majority of the Township residents actually want to live in a sprawling Industrial Zone. Isn't that the way a Democracy is supposed to work?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Dominic J. Miller

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic J. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Attn Senator Steve Willson,

My name is

Lori Scheele and I live in Republic, Ohio.

I am writing you in regard to SB 234.

I am a non-participating landowner in the Republic Wind Project. I will be greatly impacted. I am asking for support of SB 234.

I have lived at my residence of 20 years. I have enjoyed my rural, quiet setting. My husband and I have raised our kids, all of their friends and now entertain our granddaughter here. We have enjoyed the farming going on around us and also the wildlife. We have had different types of owls living in the pinetrees surrounding our property as well as in our barn. We have had ducks, geese and cranes swimming and fishing in our pond. We have had bald eagles land in our yard along with hawks and other raptors.

We have paid taxes to our county, city, schools and township.

I believe we should have a say in what goes on in our community. I agree that landowners can do as they choose to do with their land, but I also think landowners deserve a voice in what results they would contend with should a landowner choose a turbine.

We live on 2 acres. We will be living amongst numerous turbines with one being 1370ft from our house, along with many from there on. We will have lines running on 2 sides of our property and a collection station near our backyard. We will be very near the swooshing, shadow flicker and blinking lights.

So in closing please consider our rights as landowners and community members. Democracy!

Tom Scheele
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Republic OH 44867

Thank-You!
Lori Scheele
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Republic, Ohio 44867

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The Honorable Senator Steve Wilson
Chairman Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I am writing to you in support of SB 234

Dear Senator Wilson

My name is Tom Scheele I am a Veteran and lifelong resident of the state of Ohio

I am writing to you in support of SB 234. I truly believe that the passing of this bill will improve the current process that Ohio uses to approve or disapprove of the building of industrial wind farm projects.

I feel the current process is flawed and has divided our county and turned neighbor against neighbor, there are those who agree with building the industrial wind farm and feel their cause is just, on the other side there are as many or more people that disapprove of the building of the wind farm and feel they are right. This boils down to people's beliefs in the way they interpret their property rights. Both sides have valid arguments and our community is being destroyed because of our differences. It seems this is where congress needs step in and help with a solution that will be fair to all the parties involved. This is why I support SB 234 it will give all a voice in the decision and will hopefully settle the issue once and for all.

My home is located in the heart of the Republic Wind Farm. I will have a collection station 750 feet from my back door, power poles and transmission lines for as far as I can see to the west. All of the underground lines from the turbines will surround my property. To the east I have 2 turbines 1375 feet from my home, then 2 more directly behind them. Then every mile to the end of my horizon is filled with turbines with visual destruction to my property. I strongly feel my property value will decrease by as much as 50%, maybe more. As a taxpayer I feel that my neighbors and I all deserve a vote in this process. I have witnessed APEX's deception first hand. In court I caught their expert witness lying to the court at the PUCO hearings. Had I not taken a day off work and drove to Columbus in an ice storm he would have gotten away with withholding evidence that APEX clearly did not want the public or the PUCO to know about, and was a devastating blow to them. I have many other grievances with APEX too many to list in this letter. This court hearing is what we are told makes this process fair for all Involved. Well I disagree, we as citizens had to give up hours of our lives to educate ourselves on this matter, and decide on whether to retain a lawyer to represent us which cost us money. Then we had to take time out of our busy lives to go to court in Columbus to follow the hearings. I can tell you many would like to get involved but either can't afford to or just plain don't understand the process.

I could list many more reasons why this bill is so important to all of us here in Ohio butt I will stop here and ask that you vote in favor of SB 234. I thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scheele
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Republic, Ohio, 44867

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman, Senate Energy Committee 1/19/2020

I believe that any action taken in my area of living that effects my personal well being and day to day activities should be voted on by local residents. If SB234 is approved I believe a true vote and representation will be enforced of the local residents that are being affected.

Joseph Keefer
Perry, OH



Senator Steve Wilson
Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

January 19, 2020

Dear Senator Wilson:

I am writing to you to show my support of SB234. It is my opinion that local residents should have the ability to vote on issues that will affect their lives. Some issues, such as the proposed wind turbines, affect not only the generation voting, but also generations to come. Additionally, the proposed turbines will have many underlying consequences and effects that have the potential to change peoples' lives. Passing SB234 will allow the residents affected to voice their concerns about matters that affect them.

Sincerely,
Amy Keifer
Perry, OH