

January 14, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson

Ohio State Senate

Senator Wilson,

We are in full support of Senate Bill 234 that would allow constituents to vote on whether or not they approved wind farms in their area. We believe wind farms are a detriment to our land, our wildlife and our communities. Thank you for your efforts in passing this bill.

Sincerely,



Donald and Sandra Bercheck

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January 9, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson and the General Assembly,

Our names are Catherine and James Limbird. We live in Seneca County in Reed township. We want you to know that we are in favor of having a local vote in our township regarding the presence of industrial wind turbines in our area. These huge industrial machines will forever change the landscape of our area as well as forever change our lives. There are so many health issues alone regarding these machines, let alone the lack of safety with the current Ohio setbacks. Since these huge machines will affect the rest of our lives, (we are 63 and 64) please let us have a local say about this. After all, America is a democracy. We deserve the right to vote on such a life changing event.

Thank you,

*Catherine Limbird*

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January 11, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman  
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Senator Wilson,

Over the past year I have watched and listened to my in-laws, who live in the footprint of the proposed Emerson Creek industrial wind project, bemoan the fact that no one listens to the people most affected by these projects. I have listened to them speak about writing numerous letters and comments to the Ohio Power Siting Board and to both local and state politicians. They have spoken about traveling two hours to Columbus to legislative proceedings only to be disappointed by the apparent lack of interest by some members of committees who don't even have the courtesy to listen to what constituents have to say regarding what is, to them, a very important issue. This is not how they planned to spend their retirement, nor should it be. Ohio's process for the siting and approval of industrial wind projects in areas zoned for residential and agricultural use is broken, ineffective, bureaucratic, and causes division and marginalization of whole communities.

Our elected officials now have the opportunity before them to level the playing field by giving affected Ohio citizens the right to vote on these projects by passing Senate Bill 234 as introduced by Senator McColley from Northwest Ohio. Not only does it provide for a voter referendum but also improves the safety setback requirements from non-participating property owners. The safety and health of our citizens should not be compromised in any way, shape or form.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the passage of Senate Bill 234 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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January 11, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson,  
Chairman, Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee  
Senate Building  
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Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: SB 234

Dear Senator Wilson;

I'm asking for you to vote in favor of SB 234. As a resident of Richmond Township for my entire life, I feel it is local people who know the land and know what is best for our community.

The wind projects would affect our community in many ways. As a farmer, we occasionally utilize arial seed application for cover crops and the wind projects would stop that process, which affects our bottom line. I also have witnessed life flight landing locally to save a relative's life. I realize this would not have been possible if the wind turbines were installed. There are MANY reasons why I do not support the wind farms and would like to have a say in the matter. I feel the local township people who live and work here should make the decisions that affect our community.

Senator Wilson, give the local residents the opportunity to choose what happens in our neighborhoods and to our families.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

  
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Chairman, Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Wilson;

Please grant me the opportunity to express my opinions on wind turbines in our community and SB 234. I approached these wind projects with an open mind; but after much research, I have come to the conclusion they are unsafe, unsightly, dangerous and not economically feasible.

If these turbines were to be installed and eventually seen to be a poor economic decision, it would be the local residents that would be left to deal with them. I presume removing these huge, non-functional beasts would be an extremely expensive task, that would be out of most landowner's budgets. My guess would be the (out of state) owners of the wind farms will not be around to deal with this issue either. If not removed, they would become a hazard to all local residents as they slowly deteriorated. I realize I am looking many years into the future, but as our forefathers have done in the past, we have a responsibility to think of our children and grandchildren's future. I feel we would be doing them a disservice by allowing these windfarms to be installed in our community. I've lived in this area my entire life, and I find it extremely discouraging that we have limited say in this matter. With that said, I feel it should be the local township people who are impacted by these turbines who make the ultimate decisions on these projects and proposed setbacks. Please, Senator Wilson, give the local residents the opportunity to choose what happens in our neighborhoods and to our families.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.



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