

January 21, 2020

Attn: Senator Wilson, Chairman Senate Energy, and Public Utilities Committee

I am writing this letter in support of SB234. I live in Groton Twp., Erie County. I would like to keep this great place to live and raise my family like it is. By turning this area into an industrial community you would be forcing people to leave the area. We enjoy so much that this area has to offer. We hunt deer, fish and watch eagles. By not allowing us to have a say or a vote you would be taking this away from us and our children. The wind industrial should not dictate where we live. With the passage of SB234 it will give all residents the opportunity to have a voice and a say on these wind projects.

I am asking that all senators support this bill so that local residents can be heard and enjoy this great area for years to come.

Sincerely,



Heather Eisenhauer  
7408 Deyo Rd  
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January 21, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson Chairman

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I appreciate you taking time from your busy schedule to read this letter about my reason for urging you to support **SB 234**. I have been a resident of Groton Township for over 50 years and have seen a lot of changes in the area surrounding my own property at 9308 State Route 269 and our family farm and family business at 9916 State Route 269 in the township. I have been a registered voter for almost 40 years and seldom, if ever, remember the possibility of major changes coming to our local townships, counties and cities, that could have a negative impact on not only the value of our homes and businesses but also our quality of life.

We have all worked hard to buy, build and/or establish our homes and lives where we are and don't want to lose any part of that without having a say on changes that will affect that. For me, I would much rather look out the front window of my house and watch the Eagles nesting and raising their young, several hundred yards from there in one of the oldest nests in the area, than potentially sitting on the patio behind our house and having to deal with the proposed 655' wind turbines that will have **ABSOLUTELY** no positive benefit to us or our surrounding area without a say in it.

All that said, I think that it is wrong beyond comprehension to let the Ohio Power Siting Board be able to have the final say in what we do here in our area with out giving us the option to vote on it. We live, play, work, worship and pay taxes and are proud to live in this area, therefore, we would urge you to support **SB 234**.

Thank you in advance for your support on this Bill,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Russell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Thank you in advance for your support on this Bill,".

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January 21, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson Chairman

Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee

I have been a voting resident of Groton Township for 26 years. I have faithfully voted in favor of changes that would benefit my family and friends in the community that I live in. I am very active locally and plan on staying involved in our community. I love it here and don't want our family dream to be shattered by outside influence without the input of the local people. I am a firm believer in the "voice of the people." My right as an American is to vote, and we as citizens should not have to sacrifice that by an outside regulator such as the Ohio Power Siting Board. I am asking for your support on the **SB 234** in order to give us a local vote in the matter that has a huge impact on our local community.

Thank you for your positive consideration on this matter,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the closing text.



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January 13, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman  
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Senator Wilson,

I am a third-generation grain farmer and operate the family farm located in Huron County, which has been passed down to future generations for over 75 years. My wife and I build our forever home on the farm eight years ago, which we hope to pass down to our sons and future generations. We view ourselves as good stewards of the land, knowing the importance of maintaining it the way it was over a 100 years ago.

Our family also realizes the importance of energy conservation and finding solutions for reliable and affordable power for now and far into the future. Electricity is something we all depend on and tapping into renewable resources is not a bad thing, unless it results in more damage than good. Therefore, I am a supporter of solar, which is less invasive to the landscape we all love.

The rural area where our farm resides in Sherman and Peru townships may be impacted by windmills that are projected to be the tallest of any other windfarm in Ohio. These intrusive turbines will greatly affect the landscape, environment, and the homeowners surrounding the area. Those of us affected by these large invasive windmills should have the right to vote for or against something that will have the greatest impact on our environment, property, and habitat for wildlife.

I would appreciate your support regarding the urgent matter and understand the importance for those of us residing in our rural community to have a voice in the matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Gravenhorst  
4420 Peru West Section Line Rd.  
Monroeville, Ohio 44847



#296

January 13, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman  
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Senator Wilson,

My husband and I live in rural Ohio and we cherish the beautiful sunsets provided by God. We also recognize the importance of being good stewards of the land, maintaining the environment to make it a better place for future generations.

The rural area where I live in Sherman Township is currently being threatened by a proposed wind farm, which is projected to contain the tallest windmills of any other windfarm in Ohio. These intrusive turbines will greatly affect the landscape, environment, and the homeowners living in and surrounding the area.

I work for an Ohio electric cooperative and realize the importance of energy conservation and finding solutions for reliable and affordable power. Being an energy advisor at my cooperative for over two decades, I am an avid supporter of solar, which has been proven to be a more reliable renewable resource in Ohio, while being less invasive to both the landscape and environment.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory is a national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy, and they can provide a wide array of maps that support my claim at <https://www.nrel.gov/gis/maps.html>.

My neighbors and I will be greatly affected by these proposed invasive windmills should have the right to vote on something that can have the greatest impact on our environment, property, and way of life in rural Ohio. There's a reason we choose to live in and raise our families in rural Ohio. Please help us to protect the land we love.

I would appreciate your support regarding the urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gravenhorst  
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Monroeville, Ohio 44847