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Senator Steve Wilson  
Chairman  
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee  
**SB 234**

Mr. Wilson:

We own farmland in Seneca and Huron Counties, where particularly large intimidating wind turbines are scheduled. We built a new house here in 1978 and it is a great place to have raised a family and enjoy the serenity. We want to complete our lives in that serenity.

We're concerned about the following:

- Why don't we have a vote in this wind issue?
- We feel it will start an agricultural rental war and eliminate small farmers, even those who are in favor of these. We are small farmers.
- Everyone with whom we've spoken signed the unilateral contract **without legal counsel** and most signed under pressure by the wind people.
- Some signers said it's not our business because it's not our land, but it's our money being used against us, therein giving us nexus to the issue.
- We've discovered these landowners signed unilateral contracts **without legal counsel** because they were either desperate or greedy; no exception.
- We've visited our German friends in Germany. Wind turbines have driven up their electric cost to almost four times what we pay here in Seneca County.
- German communities are now pushing back and demanding a vote. Why are you preventing our vote?
- Why is there such a propensity by our Ohio legislators to drive up electricity costs in Ohio?
- We've experienced the intimidation procedures of these people because our six hundred acres are impeding what they intend to do.
- Just for the fun of it, I negotiated the wind payment to about three times anyone else could hope to get. I did not sign an agreement.
- These wind-power people have taken advantage of the landowners possessing zero experience in contracts, and instilling the "fear of missing out".
- Mr. Wilson, common sense in the legislature needs to prevail and protect our communities.

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