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I believe that local residents should have the right to vote on actions taken in their neighborhood. Having 600 plus foot wind turbines in my back yard will have a direct impact on my day to day activities. If SB234 is approved I believe a true vote and representation will be accomplished.

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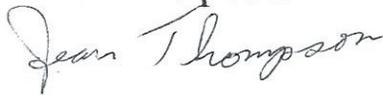
Attention Senator Steve Wilson Chairman State Energy and Public Utilities Commission

Concerning Senate Bill 234

We are writing you concerning Senate Bill 234 that will make it possible for the people in the individual townships to vote for or against the placing of industrial sized wind turbines on their property. We are concerned because we have friends that will have to have a wind turbine across the street from them. The value of their property will be reduced by 15 - 25%. The vibrations will shake their house and what happens if something goes wrong with the turbine like a lightening strike and ensuing fire. The unit could be disabled by many things and then whose responsibility would it be to dispose of it or would it just have to stay there being a nuisance until it fell down? From what we have learned the manufacturer's recommendations for the 655' wind turbine distance from building etc. is several hundred feet more than the Ohio Law permits. We have wind here but not enough to make it efficient like out west. Our friends live and farm in the portion marked Emerson Creek on the map showing where the wind turbines could be located. Please vote for the Senate Bill 234 allowing the people in these townships to vote wether or not they want these things on their property.

Thank you for your time

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Senator Steve Wilson
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Dear Senator Wilson:

This letter expresses my complete support of SB 234.

As background, I am a life-long resident of Seneca County and currently reside in Eden Township. I have had the pleasure of serving as a private attorney for over 20 years and serving over 31 years in public service as a county prosecutor (10 years) and the last 21 years as Judge of the Common Pleas Court, all in Seneca County, Ohio.

In my personal and professional experience, major issues that affect local property owners and their property rights should be decided at the local level. This is absolutely true regarding major windfarms placing hundreds of industrial wind turbines in a township.

My opinion is based on Ohio's Constitution. ART. 1, § 1 of our Constitution states that "acquiring, possessing and protecting property" is an inalienable right.

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The concept of a local referendum, an actual vote by those who live in each township, returns to the people the decision of whether industrial wind turbine projects should be allowed. SB 234 is all about local control. SB 234 is simply a perfect remedy to a problem involving property rights. Who better to decide what is best for their township than the people who live there, pay taxes there, and raise families there?

Sincerely,



Steve C. Shuff

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cc: File (letters/senator.steve.wilson.let)

Dear Senator Wilson

This letter is in regards to the ongoing battle over wind turbines. I myself am against the erection of these turbines. One of many reasons is the fact that some of the farmers that want them seem to be placing them in my backyard and not their own. I would have less of a problem with them if the people that are making money off them have to look at them everyday also.

Secondly, we have a fairly large population of bald eagles in this area. The Huron River is not far from the line that the turbines are supposed to be erected. Eagle nests are present along the river.

All I am asking for is the opportunity to vote on this issue instead of being force fed something we don't want. I have no idea how many of my neighbors are writing letters to you but I'm guessing there is a significant number. It seems that the people that are against turbines are accused of being against progress. That is not the case. We are just trying to protect life as we know it. The chance to vote on this issue would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 234

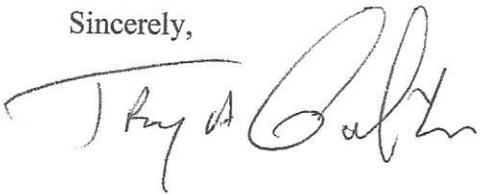
Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I write to ask for your support of Senate Bill 234 to allow a local vote on industrial wind projects in the State of Ohio.

I believe in the American way and the importance of allowing the people to vote and decide on issues. The decision to bring an industrial wind project into a community impacts a large number of individuals and sometimes in very dramatic ways. Since these projects impact so many individuals, it is important to include all those who will be impacted in the decision making process. The current process does not provide any local control in these decisions. The best method to determine if a wind project is even a good fit in a community is to simply ask the citizens of that community.

Please allow for a local vote so we are able to determine if a particular community is even a good fit for an industrial wind project.

Sincerely,



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