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Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear, Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman

I am writing you in support of SB234 hoping you will vote in favor of this bill. I live in Huron County adjacent to Seneca County in which both counties have proposed industrial wind projects, in which I am in the footprints of.

Safety should be of utmost importance. These turbines are big and heavy; can you imagine a 200+ ft. turbine blade flying through the air and the damage it would do to a building, animal, or a person. Throughout our spring and fall season Ohio weather gets a lot of storms that have high winds that could increase blade failure and breakage at a much higher risk to homes and people in those areas. I believe setbacks should be no less than 5,280ft.

The next key point is why I think there should be a referendum vote. The residents living within these industrial wind turbine footprints are going to be greatly affected by these huge monsters blocking our scenic skies and not to mention the noise, shadow flicker and the health effects they can cause to many people. SB234 will allow local residents to vote on these issues. We as tax payers should be able to have a voice on any industrial projects that go up in our rural communities. They can greatly affect our property values (going down), TV & Cell tower signals, and deter wildlife from these areas. Also nearby property owners that have wells may have their water supplies affected or contaminated. The people should have right to vote on such a life changing project!

Please support SB234

Sincerely, 

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