

Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 234
Proponent Testimony

Chairman Wilson, Vice-Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Williams and members of the committee, please support Senate Bill 234 and grant local communities the ability to decide on the issue of industrial wind projects.

The current process for placing industrial wind projects in Ohio is deficient of local community input. I was born and raised in Seneca County. I attended school and graduated from Old Fort Local Schools. After completing my biomedical engineering studies through the University of Toledo, my career took me to Bloomington, Indiana. Even though I no longer reside in Ohio, multiple family members still live and work in Seneca County.

I often return "home" to visit family and I still value the charm and scenic views associated with Seneca County, Ohio. Beautiful homes nestled amongst fields of crops, wooded areas, and nature preserves. It is absolutely disturbing to imagine changing such a beautiful part of Ohio into an industrialized area with hundreds of wind turbines. I continue to follow the debate over the proposed industrial wind projects for the Seneca County region and strongly feel the entire process lacks local community input. The current process does not allow the citizens to decide whether or not industrial wind projects are even appropriate for their communities. Instead the decisions are left to the wind companies and officials in Columbus who neither live, work, or are able to fully appreciate the beauty associated with Northwest Ohio.

Only citizens of these communities are in a position to best determine the destiny for their communities. Should they decide that industrial wind turbines need to be built, then so be it. If, instead, they determine such a change is not a fit for their communities, then allow these wind companies to search elsewhere for their corporate profits. At the end of the day, the people that live, work, and would be subjected to the consequences of these projects will have at least made the decision themselves.

Please support Senate Bill 234 and allow the citizens to decide on this issue.

Thank you,



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