

January 15, 2020

To the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I would like to express my desire for S.B. 234 to be brought to the full Senate for future vote and passage.

I live in Seneca County. This county is in the midst of great turmoil over Industrial Wind Development.

If the proposed Republic Wind project is constructed, it will bring about a drastic change for the entire surrounding area. All of Seneca County has a total change of less than 400 feet from its' highest to lowest elevations. With the proposed height of around 600 feet tall wind turbines, the viewshed of any open area in the county will be dominated by wind turbines.

To add insult to injury, the tax incentive to be given to the wind project developer {in this case, Nordex, a German company) would amount to more than twice the economic "benefit" promised to the local schools, townships, and county entities.

As you are fully aware, the current process is totally controlled by the O.P.S.B. For reasons beyond my understanding, the O.P.S.B. has allowed this project to advance through the application process, even though the wind developer did not meet numerous requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code. Apex and other wind developers have vast economic resources to push their projects through. Presently, there is no mechanism for local approval or disapproval. The O.P.S.B. has the overriding power of all local zoning and building codes and regulations. Ohio residents deserve the opportunity to approve or reject these projects as determined by local voters.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Moyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "M".

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