

December 24, 2019

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I am writing this letter regarding the Senate Bill 234 which was recently introduced to the Ohio Senate by Senator Rob McColley. This bill would allow local voters in individual townships to vote on industrial wind projects which have been approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board for the areas in which these voters live. Generations of my family have farmed and lived in Huron County. My great-grandfather on my mother's side emigrated from England and established his family here, while my father's family relocated to the area from Fitchville and his family has also stayed in the area where they have continued to live for generations.

Forty-four years ago my parents bought an old farmhouse and decided to raise their two children there. They have renovated and updated this home with beautiful landscapes and buildings. My father worked hard to support our family for over 40 years with the intent to retire right there on the property that they had decided to call their "forever home." This home was intended to be a part of their retirement plan. However if these turbines are allowed to go in, this will change that plan.

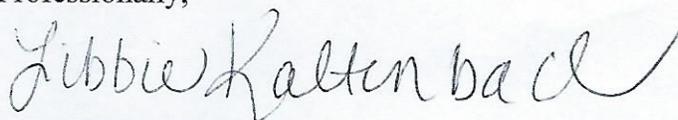
The local farmers around my parents' home have agreed to lease portions of their land to an industrial wind developer. Why, as community members and tax-payers, should my parents, or anyone, not have a voice in a huge project that will affect their property value, their health, and the community that they live in and support?

I have worked in the field of special education for over 11 years. I have specialized in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is a growing disorder and many afflicted children are attending schools in and living in the counties of Sandusky, Erie, Huron and Seneca. It has been shown that these turbines will affect these individuals negatively due to the shadow-flicker and infrasound that they produce. What a shame for these families that have finally found good schools and good communities that have accepted their children to now have to relocate due to something that they have no voice in.

Circumstances affecting a large population should have a vote. Everyone is entitled to a voice. We live in a country of democracy and freedom of speech and allowing these wind projects to enter an area without the vote of the community is denying both of these rights.

Please consider the voices of those who have worked hard to establish their families and their lives for generations in an area that was chosen for its quaintness and beauty. Please support Senate Bill 234 and allow all to be heard.

Professionally,



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