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Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
Senate Building 1 Capital Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Wilson:

I am writing in support of SB 234 which will give voters in individual townships the right to vote on whether proposed industrial wind turbines should be allowed to be installed in the area where they live. When something so profoundly affects such a large population of people, there should not be just a handful of people deciding the issue. This is especially true when the individuals who have the power to make the decisions may see their primary responsibility as being to meet the requirements set forth by the state which is to have a certain percentage of renewable energy in the energy portfolio.

In my opinion, it is not a foregone conclusion how a community would vote on the matter of turbines. In fact, it concerns me because some people have not taken the time to learn the facts. The thought may still be, since wind is free, why not use it. So if communities get to vote, we all have a lot of work to do to spread factual information about what industrial wind turbines actually do to the planet and how subsidies, paid for by our tax dollars, encourage wind companies to stay in the business of producing expensive electricity while negatively impacting our environment, the wildlife, and the people forced to live nearby them.

Installing industrial wind turbines ten years ago could now be looked on as an innocent mistake. However, given what we currently know about turbines, it is negligence if we do not do everything we can to prevent the proliferation of these structures. Giving local communities the right to vote on the issue will hopefully turn out to be one way to halt their progress.

Sincerely,

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