

January 20, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I am writing you concerning the Bill that is before your consideration, SB 234. I currently own a business, Russell's Flowers, Garden Center & Gifts located at 9910 State Route 269 in Bellevue in Groton Township. I purchased this business from my parents and our business has served our community and the surrounding communities for 40 years this year. I am the second-generation owner of this business and would like to eventually pass it on to the next generation.

The proposed industrial wind farms that are to be constructed here in Ohio, specifically two 655' wind turbines that are ¼ mile from my business, will have a negative impact on my business. Not to mention the negative impact it will have on other residents in my township, surrounding townships, counties and the City of Bellevue. I absolutely am opposed to the Ohio Power Siting Board being the deciding vote on this wind farm project. We own property here. Our lives and livelihoods are here. We pay taxes here. WE should have the right to say whether or not we want a wind farm in our back yard. WE should have a vote. This matter should not be rubber stamped by government officials who have no knowledge or concern for the people that will actually be affected by such proposals.

I am emphatically urging you to vote for SB 234 and give the local citizens a voice. Give us the right for a true vote.

Sincerely,



Lori Riedy

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January 6, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson

Chairman Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I would like to thank Senator Rob McColley, and other legislators for introducing SB 234 for consideration before the Ohio Senate. This is a very important Bill to consider and very important to people being overran by the onslaught of Industrial Wind Farms, and the word "farm" should be Power Facilities. The people being affected should have the right to vote on this, not made to prove we don't need them or want them to the OPSB (Ohio Power Siting Board).

Let me start by introducing myself, Dennis Alt, Huron County, Sherman Township, Ohio. I am fast approaching my 66th birthday, and have lived my entire life in the GREAT State of OHIO, and this is not what I had envisioned doing in my Golden Years, but it has really opened my eyes to the workings of Government. My family has a farm that has a deed dating back to late 1780's. The farm is located in FIRELANDS, part of the Connecticut Western Reserve, part of the Northwest Territory, land given to citizens of Connecticut that lost houses in The American Revolution, the war fought to be free of tyranny and oppressive rule. The people that came to America wanted freedom, the right to have a majority say yah or nay, not be told. I hope you can see the need for this Bill 234, I do!

The ironic part this is the people given land by the State of Connecticut was for better or equal to the property lost, in the American Revolution. You ask why ironic tell me how are you going to compensate me for my Rural landscape, my Rural tranquility, my Rural way of life. The people who came here found this to be a great location, they stayed, they named towns after the towns left behind, and they prospered. I really don't think you can find me a place that I would trade and say it was as good, and so would many of my neighbors! Since it is impossible to compensate me after the fact, pass SB234 and let me choose upfront, let this be my

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compensation. The Big Wind people say they have nothing to fear, but yet they lobby hard to stop the progress of letting the residents of the townships in the bullseye of the Big Wind have a say.

I have received a wonderful letter from a Law firm in Columbus telling me of the dates and the reason for these meetings to meet requirements to file the application for Firelands Wind Facility, Happy New Year! The funny part is the requirements listed on the back that Firelands Wind needs to prove to the OPSB. Several state the need for the energy for the State of Ohio, we don't need energy, but other people in other States do. Please don't tell how green Wind energy is except for the money MY taxes subsidizes them, or the people who want them built on their land, again I receive Nothing but headaches.

Firelands was the name given to the land given to citizens of Connecticut after the American Revolution, or as some called it "suffers land", which is how I feel. The Western most part of the Firelands was also given to the native Indians in the treaty of Greenville, they were driven off. The Indians were promised land, received none in the end, as they say "talks with forked tongue", they were the *marginal minority* at that time, they had no say in the matter. I hope you see how I feel, a *marginal minority* in my time because I have no say, Please support SB 234, give me a voice in the matter, don't force this down my throat like the Native Indians!

Respectfully,

Dennis J. Alt

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January 20, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson
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Dear Senator Wilson,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Senate Bill 234.

I live in Oxford Township in Erie County, Ohio. The homestead in which my wife and I live (my wife since 2002 and myself from 2016) is a historically significant house and built in 1851. We not only love our home, but embrace the beautiful landscape, peace and native species that visit us on a regular basis in our rural township.

Having better safety protections for residents living among 655 foot tall turbines seems like common sense to me. Current setback distances are hundreds of feet shorter than what turbine safety manuals recommend.

Having local voting control to actually have a voice in approving these projects is more important to us. We need to even the playing field to have the same power as large corporations, special interests and various other entities that have blinders on for wind energy.

We're not against renewable energy. We are however against locating wind turbines in heavily populated rural areas. We see bald eagles on a regular basis from our home. Wind turbines are a clear danger to these majestic creatures.

Wind turbines will reduce our home's value by 15% to 40%, which in turn means less money for our local schools and government.

Another area of concern is, as a first responder, life flight is used frequently to assist with vehicular accidents and other injuries. Wind turbines could be a major obstruction of air space putting pilots and injured at life threatening risks.

Thank you for your time and concern, and please vote for the passage of SB 234.

Respectfully,

Dear Senator Steve Wilson

Chairman, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I am Diane G. Miller. I live at 1582 St. Rt. 4 Bellevue, Ohio 44811, Huron County, Sherman Township. I am writing this in support of Senate Bill 234.

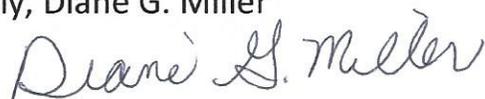
I think we need the right to vote locally on the siting of Industrial Wind Turbine construction. I have lived in Sherman Township all my life. It is a great place to live with beautiful scenery. My story begins with my grandfather John Gerber farming this land and passing it on to my parents. My grandfather worked long exhausting hours tilling the land with his horses. My father also farmed this land and worked in a factory. Both of these men took much pride in their land. I am blessed to have established a home with my husband on this same land for 39 years. We have raised two sons on this beloved land. We have made great memories here. As retirement is approaching, we looking forward to enjoying the peaceful outdoors. With the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines, the noise and shadow flicker will make this unbearable.

It makes me sad that my parents and grandparents worked their entire lives to keep the property in the family. It seems unreasonable to destroy their dreams with Industrial Wind Turbines. The vote needs to be local and not someone who doesn't know the history of the area or care to know.

It is urgent that this bill gets passed as soon as possible to give the citizens of these townships a vote before it is too late, as we have several Industrial Wind Projects in various stages of development in my immediate area.

Please **KEEP OUR AREA BEAUTIFUL!!!!**

Sincerely, Diane G. Miller



Senator Steve Wilson,

We are writing you to express our support for SB 234. My wife and I are life long residents of north central Ohio. We currently reside in the Buckeye Central school district, but have been actively searching for a new residence in the Seneca East school district. We have now placed a hold on our search. It seems that every property that is outside of city limits either has a wind lease, or is neighboring a property which does. One of our biggest concerns is the value of the real estate. For most of the residents in these affected townships, our homes will be the biggest investment of our lives. My wife and I can not afford to take a 10% hit on our property value much less a 50% decline.

We believe shadow flicker, noise, loss of emergency services, communication service interruptions, and the destruction of the beautiful scenery will cause sharp declines in property values. We believe these items along with the damage to rural roads will drive the folks living in the affected townships away. If these wind turbines are built in our area we will move to an area where there are none, and will never be any. Who wants to live where there is a wind turbine? We do not, and will not. Especially one that is taller than the Great Pyramid of Giza (455 feet).

With out the residents in the affected townships, current property value, or residents with a reasonable income, villages such as New Washington, Attica, Bloomville, Sycamore, and Chatfield will become ghost towns. City's, like Bucyrus, Upper Sandusky, Bellevue, and Tiffin will see a drop in revenues also, when the "small town folks" have moved away.

I will close by asking elected officials who have the ability; Please allow the people who are going to have to live with "big wind" as neighbors, to have a say in our futures, and our children's. Please allow us to vote!

Don Masterson
Tina Strausbaugh