

January 12, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Senator Wilson,

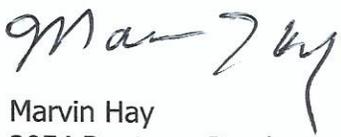
I live on a great country road, located on a two mile stretch between OH 547 and Pontiac Section Line Road, in Huron County. There are sixteen homes on my road and only three grain farms are currently signed up and in favor of wind farms, which is apparent only for the money.

Being rural homeowners not receiving money from the wind farms, I believe myself along with the nearly 25 other people on my road should be given the right to vote up or down on the wind farms. I feel we all should have a voice, especially since we will all be affected by the noise, shadow flicker, and flashing red lights at night.

Our government is a representative democracy and I know every job can't be an elected position. We don't have enough time or paper to put all the government jobs on the ballot, but I feel an issue as important as windmills should allow the people to decide, not just a few.

Please give all the people affected by such a large undertaking, an opportunity to have a voice. After all, it's a God given right to be free and vote.

Thank you,



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Dear Senator Wilson,

If you take the time to drive down U.S. Route 30 towards Van Wert, you cannot help but notice all the intrusive windmills. Van Wert is a very sparse rural area in Ohio. Most of the homes where windmills sit are farm homes, which most likely wanted the windmills because of the promised money.

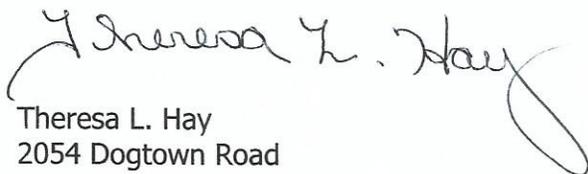
The rural area where I live in Huron County may be impacted by windmills that are projected to be even larger than the ones located in the Van Wert area. The turbines would have a five to one ratio of the residential homes to large grain farmers.

Having large wind farms will heavily impact our small rural community, resulting in our home values to decline. Most importantly, these large invasive turbines will completely change the rural landscape we all appreciate and love. A homeowner will lose more money than what the windmills will ever generate.

I have always enjoyed looking out at clear skies and open terrain, while appreciating the wildlife, birds, and even a few eagles over the past 30 years. I just ask that I can have a right to vote on something that may cause my rural landscape to be taken away from me. Those of us affected by the large invasive windmills have the right to vote for or against the ugly turbines.

Please give us the right to have a voice on something that will affect us greatly.

Sincerely,



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RE: SB 234

Senator Steve Wilson, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I have recently moved from Sherman Township where a nearby wind farm was in the process of starting. Many landowners were signed up. I was not in favor of large turbines being erected in or around populated cities or towns. I believe home and land owners should all have a say in any long term visible obstruction. I am all for having the option to vote setbacks and start up of any form of wind energy such as large turbines. As a business owner in the construction industry since 1973, I am also concerned about the deconstruction and clean up at the end use of these structures. The deconstruction has never been spelled out and this is more than any landowner could do or afford to have done.

Thank you, 

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Senator Steve Wilson
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Dear Senator Wilson,

I am writing to you in support of SB 234. As a farmland owner in Seneca and Erie Counties, I hold a healthy respect for the rights of other land owners besides myself. That said, I believe it is imperative that specific issues surrounding the operation of wind turbines, such as property set backs, etc., be determined at the local township level. Our population densities vary greatly from one township to another. One size does not fit all.

Another issue that seriously needs to be addressed concerning the wind turbine industry is what happens to these massive structures at the end of their lifespan? Who ultimately will be held responsible to maintain or tear down before they become a public nuisance or danger?

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,



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January 16, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson

Chairman

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Attention Senator Steve Wilson:

This letter is being written in support of SB 234.

I feel there are too many questions that never get answered. Living in a rural area many corporations feel that our input is not of importance.

These are a few of my concerns:

1. Having seen wind turbines in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and many other states they have all been in the middle of nowhere. There must be a reason for this.
2. Very little has been addressed concerning the maintenance of our small rural roads. Most people don't realize they are one lane roads and will not hold up to heavy equipment, causing congestion and damage to property.
3. I have not heard nothing about what happens to old turbines at the end of their life. As of now the giant blades can't be recycled. Who pays and maintains the landfills they end up in? This is an environmental question?
4. The turbine companies seem to have the

same MO as the pipeline companies.

Will their lobbyists soon after construction
be asking for tap roll backs?

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These are just pretty simple points
that all concern the tap payer and
landowner and voter.

Wouldn't it make sense that we
have a say?

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