

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Senator Wilson,

I wish to support HB234. The citizens of our county deserve the right to decide the placement of industrial wind turbines over our homes. Other counties in Ohio decided this was good for them, but those turbines were not 600 or more feet tall. That is not the same as what is being forced upon our community.

Our politicians in Columbus need to realize that not every county agrees on what is good for them. Each county needs to be allowed the vote that we fought for over 200 years ago.

Thank you,

Mary Jean Pette
Ridgefield Township
Huron County, Ohio

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Chairman
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Dear Senator Wilson,

This letter is to support HB234. After we fought and won our freedom from the British, our forefather's worked hard to make sure that our right to vote was never taken away from this. It appears that many years ago, while most of the state of Ohio were sleeping, our state government decided to do exactly what our forefather's worked so hard to prevent. You have "appointed" a committee to make huge decisions for the citizens of this state without their consent. This committee of people were not voted upon. The people of Ohio had no chance to research these members and find out how they have voted in the past on current issues so we could make an informed decision if we want them in this position. They were appointed by the governor who you may, or may not have voted for. This is not right. Bring the vote back to the local counties and townships. They are the only ones who REALLY care what's going on around them.

Thank you,

DeEtte Zimmerman
Norwalk Township
Huron County

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Senator Wilson,

I was dismayed to find out what had happened in our State Capital many years ago. Our citizens weren't paying attention when our politicians decided it was the time to take away the rights of their taxpayers. They are now allowed to override our zoning laws to do whatever they wish. It no longer matters to the people we vote into office that they are hurting us. Apparently they don't need our input. But when I watch these turbine companies constantly lie to you at these hearings, and you don't call them out on it, I wonder if you know it's a lie, but it will get you what you want if you keep quiet. I was also told that an Eagle study of the area has not been done since 2011! And that was by the wind company! Do you honestly think they are going to tell you the truth? Do you even have any idea how much that population has gone up? The talk amongst our small towns is constant. The lease holders are hiding the fact that there are Eagles on their property! But they have been found by a new invention called drones!

It's time to be honest. You weren't elected into office to ignore the facts because they don't give you what you want. The people who make this decision, the Ohio Power Siting Board, was not elected by the people. They were appointed by the Governor which may or may not have the same objective as the people. We did not get the chance to research the kind of people they really are and if they believe in our rights. This is why I would like to support HB234.

Thank you,



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Dear Senator Wilson,

Vast numbers of songbirds and raptors concentrate within six miles of the shoreline of Lake Erie during spring and fall. This area also has areas of key habitat for sensitive grassland birds which could be displaced by the wind turbines. Federally protected Bald Eagles are also at risk. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed concern about these projects, warning the developer that these are areas of extremely high avian use. However the developer appears to be going ahead with its plans, conducting its own studies, disputing previous work done by other researchers, and ignoring the concerns of local residents. However, the recent FWS radar study indicates that the minimum should be extended to perhaps 10 miles from the shoreline.

In the absence of proven methods to reduce bird collisions with turbines, wind energy development must be sited in areas where there are fewer birds and bats to minimize harm to these ecologically important animals. That area is certainly not in a major migratory path crossing Lake Erie every spring and fall. If the Ohio Power Siting Board cannot make a decision to protect our birds, maybe it's time to take the decision out of their hands. I certainly support HB234.

Thank you,

Anne Brewster
Nolwalk, OH
Sharon Co.

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Senator Wilson,

My ancestors settled in Northern Ohio nearly 200 years ago and I have not strayed far from the original lands. I am heartbroken to hear that our government wants to take our beautiful land away from us and turn it into an industrial park! If one of our politicians are going to have one of these 600 ft. or higher industrial wind turbines (and I'm not talking about the 200 ft. ones in western Ohio) right behind their homes, I would like to see them step up and let us know that you have also agreed to sign away all monies received yearly to the needy. And not deduct it from your taxes!! I'm willing to bet there is not one politician that will say this. All that is happening is because of greed. We know that.

Please put me on the list of people who support HB234. This needs to happen.

Thank you,

[Handwritten Signature]
Newark, Ohio
Huron County