



ENERGY AND
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Witness Form

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Testifying on Bill Number: SB 234

Testimony: Verbal Written Both

Testifying As: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist? Yes No

Special Requests: _____

Senator Steve Wilson

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I am writing you to express my support for SB234. I strongly believe that my fellow concerned citizens and I should have a true voice when it comes to siting industrial wind turbines. Turning our community into a massive industrial zone when a majority of citizens living within these projects oppose them is not fair or just.

Once this project was made public opposition began to build by a handful of concerned citizens. As word spread of this project more and more people began to learn about the many negative effects of industrial wind turbines. As the opposition grew unfortunately two of our three county commissioners basically stonewalled our efforts. Even though those commissioners did not listen to the majority of their constituents there was nothing that could be done at the local level. As you well know Representative Reineke introduced legislation to give local control to residents where these projects would be built. This is what happens when a true grassroots effort comes together and make meaningful arguments against turning their quite rural community into vast industrial zone. As it stands now, we are actively fighting the Republic Wind Project, which I unfortunately live within the footprint of, and the Emerson Creek Project. There are also three other projects lurking out there that abut to the afore mentioned projects and themselves. The point being that if these projects are built, they would take up massive amounts of land and affect thousands of families. Projects like this should be sited in less populated area in Western United States not densely populated rural areas here in Ohio.

Please pass SB234 and give the people a true voice in these projects, because as it stands now, we are essentially gagged by unelected bureaucrats at the Ohio Siting Board, who don't answer to the people.

Sincerely,



Marsha Bowers

Republic, Ohio