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

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 234 which was introduced in the Senate late last year by Senator Rob McColley. Seneca, Erie, & Huron Counties are being besieged by wind power companies with plans to cover these areas with some of the tallest turbines ever made. These companies have no consideration for the property owners whose lives will be affected by these monstrosities. While some of us may not be directly "in the footprint" of the turbines, ALL of us will be affected, yet we are given no voice in this matter. Wind companies will be turning our peaceful rural farmland into an industrial war zone.

For some reason the landowners who have opted to have turbines built on their land are against the passing of Senate Bill 234, yet they would be allowed a vote the same as the rest of us. Every property owner has individual property rights. A landowner with turbines often infringes on a close neighbors property rights due to shadow flicker, blade splinter, infrasound, and other safety issues. This should not be permitted.

I also feel that the current Ohio setback ruling places turbines too close to homes, roads, parks and bird sanctuaries. The Nordex wind turbine safety manual states as a safe distance for employees: thunderstorm – wait in vehicle 1 km away (3280 ft.) until storm is passed; fire – keep a safety distance of 500 m (1640 ft.). Ohio's current setback for the wind turbines is approximately 1300 feet. THE OHIO SETBACK DISTANCE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED!

For these reasons I respectfully request and urge your Senate colleagues to vote to pass Senate Bill 234.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

