

**Dear Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman, Senate Energy and Public Utilities
Committee and members of the Ohio Senate:**

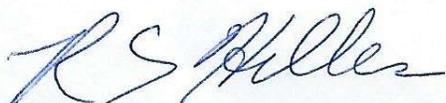
Re: Senate Bill 234

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 234. I do not live in a proposed wind turbine area at this time. However, I do have relatives living in the proposed Emerson Creek wind project area. If a wind company would plan to locate 655 ft. tall industrial sized wind turbines near my home, my farmland. or my community, I would definitely want to have the opportunity to have some input into this decision.

I do not feel this it is fair to the local people to have this decision made solely by the Ohio Power Siting Board. The people know their community best. They need to be the ones to decide if they want these huge turbines in their midst. They are the ones who would have to decide whether to live with wind turbine infrasound, shadow flicker, seismic vibrations, severely decreased property values, increased health and safety risks, damage to waterways, impaired aerial field spraying and life flight rescues, decreased cellular and GPS reception, loss of vital wildlife, and permanently altered landscapes.

As you can see, the people living in the involved townships need to have a voice. The wind companies, which are often owned by out of state or foreign companies, the lease holders, and state officials should not dictate what happens at the local level.

A vote by the people involved is essential! Please support Senate Bill 234!
Thank you for your kind consideration,



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