

Monday, January 20, 2020

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

Dear Senator Wilson,

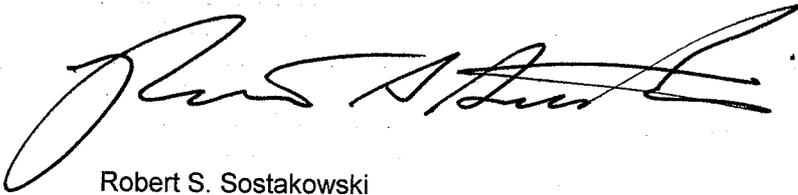
I am writing in hopes that SB234 receives your full support.

As a lifelong Ohioan, business owner, taxpayer, grandfather, and rural property owner, I have watched with great sadness and concern as the wind companies have flocked to Ohio to exploit our outdated OPSB "wind farm" approval process. It saddens me to see my fellow citizens and their families torn apart, as they battle to defend our rural quality of life. I have seen firsthand how the mere discussion of a wind turbine field can throw residential property values into freefall, hindering attempts to sell homes that were highly coveted just days prior to a turbine announcement. I can prove this, as I have lived the nightmare.

I have lived in Crawford County for most of my adult life. I raised my children here and am now enjoying life in the country with my grandson. We have abundant wildlife, quiet days and nights, and a peaceful plot of land for which I've worked very hard. Now, special interests and big wind corporations propelled by tax abatements are invading our homes. I can think of no greater injustice than to steal one's quality of life and destroy his property values **WHILE REFUSING TO ALLOW A LOCAL VOTE ON THE PROPOSED PROJECTS**. This is wrong on so many levels. Clearly, Ohio politicians are marginalizing rural voters, and allowing arbitrary OPSB decisions that profoundly affect our fate--but not their own!

I hope our elected officials will stand up for the constituents whom they're elected to represent, rather than catering to big donor wind firms with no ties to Ohio or the lives they will destroy. If turbine fields are as wonderful as claimed by the developers, they should have nothing to fear by allowing voters to decide the fate of such projects.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE... Stop this assault on rural homeowners! Allow local referendums to decide whether **local residents** want to litter their townships with destructive and unsightly turbines which provide little or zero benefits to anyone in Ohio. Thank you!



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