

**Robert and Judith Watson of Republic Ohio
Seneca County
Ohio Senate Bill 234**

To: Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman, Senate and Public Utilities Committee

Letter in favor of the "Reineke Referendum" SB 234 presented by Senator Rob McColley

The Watson family has had family members serve in the America Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam War, and Iraq War. Since that time from early days to the present the family has supported the rights of citizens stated in the Bill of Rights and Constitution of the United States. Triggering this letter, we still believe in individual rights.

Our homes in Seneca County have been in the family between four and five generations. We love Seneca County, Ohio and want to stay here, pass on all we have to our children allowing them to enjoy the rights that democracy nurtures. But the devaluation of our property if wind turbines are erected without regard to home owner rights, not to mention the many other negative impacts of wind turbine projects, will severely alter those values. We stand to lose somewhere between 30 & 40 percent of property value. Our nation has overreacted to Green Energy without regard to individual rights and has thrown every green energy possibility at the dart board regardless of whether it fits or not.

As conscious citizens we must recognize individual rights and assure public health and safety for all individuals. We ask that our rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness be preserved.

Honorable Ohio Senate members please support the Reineke referendum which restores individual rights previously taken away by the Green Energy thrust which eroded the rights of people in regard to health, safety and property rights. Passage of SB 234 will allow **local voters in individual townships** a vote on industrial wind turbine projects which have been approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board for their townships. Currently, there is no local vote allowed by Ohio law. If enacted into law as it is currently written, these bills (HB 401 and SB 234) would also regulate distance setbacks of wind turbines to property lines to conform to the turbine manufacturer's recommended distance. Currently, the manufacturer's recommended distance is several hundred feet farther than Ohio law permits.

We ask you to take a leadership role and pass **SB 234 introduced by Senator Rob McColley**.

"Vote for SB 234 presented by Senator Rob McColley!"

Respectively,



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