

January 6, 2020

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

I am writing about SB234 about the Wind Turbine referendum. Sometimes we lose sight that as representatives we are representing a majority of the people's will and not necessarily the lobbyists' will. For several years we have felt like our voices are not being heard in our particular areas as to what the majority of peoples' wishes are. We are now letting you know by contacting you. This bill will not eliminate all Wind Turbines in Ohio, but will allow the people to decide if it is something they want in their community or not. Some areas may decide it is a good thing for them and others may decide otherwise. This will allow us to make that decision instead of it being decided by people unfamiliar with our community and not even being from our state.

My family has been Ohio residents for generations. My husband and I were born in Crawford County. We have lived in several of our Ohio Counties including Wyandot, Hancock, and Huron. With our proximity to surrounding counties and family that live all over this state, we are familiar with several of the counties in this great state. Our family and friends are mostly what I would consider country folk, with some of them being small scale farmers. We have lived in Huron County now for 22 years. The areas we have chosen to live in have been out in the country in the rural residential and agricultural areas because we like that environment. The areas we have chosen to live in are zoned residential and agriculture areas. Now we are facing having this zoned area turned into an Industrial Wind Farm area with little say about this change. We are asking you to support SB234 as a way for us to have a say in what happens locally to our community that most of us have lived in for years. We are asking for the voters to have a choice whether they want an Industrial Wind Farm in their area or not.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and listening to the residents of Ohio.

Sincerely,



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