

Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 234
Proponent Testimony

Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Williams and Members of the Committee, please support Senate Bill 234 and give Ohio communities the opportunity to vote on industrial wind projects.

Every community in Ohio is different. Only the members of a community know what is best for their community. These members are the ones that should decide the future of their community. Industrial wind projects dramatically change a community in many ways and have a long list of their own issues. Once again, only members of a community can appropriately weigh the risks and benefits of each of those issues.

The current siting process of wind projects in Ohio only gives a voice to the wind company and those who would financially benefit. It is frustrating that a number of leaseholders are absentee landowners. These absentee landowners may own property in the community, but they live in another township, county, or sometimes even another state! These absentee landowners do not live or work in the community, have children in the local schools, or conduct business in the local community. Why are these absentee landowners and out of state companies allowed to force their agenda on our communities while those of us who are members of these communities do not have a voice in the process?

Please allow all Ohioans to have a say what happens in their communities!

Sincerely,



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Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Williams and Members of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, I write to ask for your support of Senate Bill 234.

Ohio's communities continue to suffer from the imbalance in the siting of industrial wind projects. As a result of the current siting process, the citizens of Ohio's communities are left voiceless in making these decisions. It is depressing that out of state companies and unaccountable Columbus bureaucrats think they know best when it comes to Ohio's communities. I find it highly inappropriate and undemocratic that at no time did I have the opportunity to express my opposition to the wind projects being forced into my community. Every citizen should have an equal say in deciding what is best for their communities!

Please support Senate Bill 234 and allow the citizens of Ohio to decide what is best for their communities!

Sincerely,



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Senator Steve Wilson

Chairman, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Mr. Wilson

I have been putting off writing this letter for a while now. It concerns the invasive industrial wind turbines you are trying to cover the upper part of rural Ohio in. To be nice..... the people have spoken and stated they do not want them over and over and over again. I could go on and list the many reasons, but why? Your going to do whatever you want. Well just remember a famous quote.

The most famous and perhaps most eloquent expression of a people's right to "dissolve the political bands" which tie them together was penned by Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) in the Declaration of Independence:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation....

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, *deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.* — *That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,* laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness... it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

So, to get my point across, do whatever you want..... The people have already clearly spoken. Anything you do to go against the will of the people is dictatorship not governing. Go look in the mirror..... The question then becomes, how will anyone with no respect for the governed, get any cooperation or respect from those they burden with their latest follies. That leads to the downfall of the state.

I would like to make one suggestion. All those involved is cramming them down the throats of the serf's have their names engraved in every turbine so future generations will know who sold them out and they can read them on the rusting hulking eyesores they will be.

All I see is a huge rip off. So, let's follow the money. The govt, that has zero money until it takes it from the people, want to squander it on a fad, where the government in all its infinite ineptness and wastefulness will use it to "subsidize" a "for profit" industry, that will use the funds, to bribe the farmers with an annual income. All the while raising taxes, fees and any other tricks they can conjure up to pay for this rapidly depreciating mess, knowing it will only last a short time, decreasing property values and property taxes to follow where you will have to raise taxes on the surfs more and more..... The mob is jealous of the shakedown racket you have going on. The only thing they miss is jails and the ability to financially ruin vast amounts of the population.

If it's so good why can't it stand on its own? Better yet emanate domain the land because it's for the betterment of society. Why should the farmers be bribed with taxpayer money when they are already in the farmer welfare line? Why pay money every year when 5K per acre to own it is plenty?

It's too bad we don't have a test of competence and common sense for those that make these decisions. The bald eagles, the serfs, the wildlife are stuck with decisions made by people with financial interests before anything else.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. Voska Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'V'.

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