

Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 234

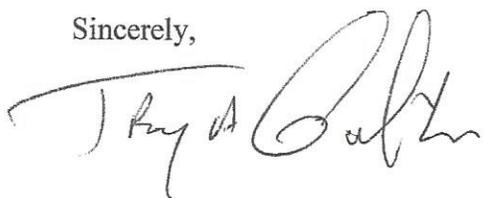
Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

I write to ask for your support of Senate Bill 234 to allow a local vote on industrial wind projects in the State of Ohio.

I believe in the American way and the importance of allowing the people to vote and decide on issues. The decision to bring an industrial wind project into a community impacts a large number of individuals and sometimes in very dramatic ways. Since these projects impact so many individuals, it is important to include all those who will be impacted in the decision making process. The current process does not provide any local control in these decisions. The best method to determine if a wind project is even a good fit in a community is to simply ask the citizens of that community.

Please allow for a local vote so we are able to determine if a particular community is even a good fit for an industrial wind project.

Sincerely,



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Senator Wilson
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Dear Senator Wilson:

As a former long-time resident of Ohio and a concerned landowner of farmland in Huron County, I am writing to you regarding SB234 and HB401, currently under consideration in the state legislature. We need to pass these laws, because we live in a democracy. As such, citizens have the right to not only have their voices heard, but to have a say in actions that so deeply impact their lives.

For your information, I am a climate activist and a strong supporter of renewable energy. However, it is incumbent on lawmakers to take the welfare of the citizens in mind whenever passing laws. As such, I would like to know why safety manuals for the proposed turbines have been kept from the public? From what I understand, one of the manuals states—according to the turbine manufacturer—that ***whenever a thunderstorm is in the area, people should leave the wind facility and wait in their vehicle at least 1 kilometer (3280 feet) from any turbine until storms have cleared.*** Citizens have the right to know that any turbine would comply with those requirements and to be a safe distance from homes, roads, and livestock.

Last summer I vacationed in Montana. Out there, there are large wind turbine farms. However, they are in a location far from houses and cattle. They are also located on ranches where the owner supported the installation of the turbines. The same must be done in Ohio.

Sincerely yours,



Diana Leis Delker

1/22/2020

Dear Senator Steve Wilson

I am writing you to ask you to support senate bill 234. I am a farmer and would appreciate the chance to vote on the wind turbine projects in our area. Our townships are where these decisions should be made!

Sincerely, Robert R. Bumb

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Senator Wilson; RE SB234

I am Dan Kautz a resident of Groton Township in Erie County Ohio. I farm and work full time for the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

Please approve legislation to give local residents a say regarding wind farms. Currently the decision rests with the Ohio Power Siding Board. It was put in place to support future projects and does not represent the people where the project takes place.

As it currently stands only the county commissioners can vote regarding tax payments. There is nothing in place for those directly affected to have a voice.

I am concerned that a six hundred foot tall structure can be placed close to several residents and they have no power to do anything about it.

We have zoning rules and regulations for a reason. To allow this practice of large windmill installation without input of those directly affected needs to be addressed immediately!

Feel free to contact me at 419-656-1428

Respectfully Submitted.
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