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IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, I am against the proposed reduction of the property line setbacks for industrial wind turbines in Sub HB 114.

With the safety and welfare of citizens being among the foremost responsibilities of our government, we should discuss wind turbine setback guidelines being investigated with the same amount of scrutiny as other industries are required to protect their employees through organizations like OSHA.

Safety should be the committee's number one goal. With the setbacks for the employees being farther than our state proposed residential setbacks and the wind turbine company's protected setbacks standards (one must assume they are hiding setback standards) and the good neighbor agreement siting flashing lights, noise, and vibrations. This should raise a red flag with our lawmakers.

I was on the Pleasant Township Zoning board when the solar and wind setbacks for residents were developed, and approved by the Seneca county prosecuting attorney, and regional planning. Now they (Commissioners and regional planning) are changing their mind with no regard to safety setbacks. We are not learning anything from all of the other countries that have them. They are warning us of setbacks, and the health risks. These are real facts they are warning us of, real experiences.

I oppose changing the setbacks.