
TESTIMONY OF TOM AND SHELLEY SMITH
Seneca County
IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

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

When we purchased our home eight years ago we were so happy to be moving into the country. Our home is located on 2 acres in Reed Township in Seneca County. It is down a one lane road surrounded by fields and is a very peaceful neighborhood. Has we known that this peace was being sold out to a huge wind business we never would have bought our property. We have no issues with what someone else does on their property as long as it does not take away our rights on our property.

With the wind turbines coming to the neighborhood we will have at least 4 of these almost 600-foot monsters surrounding our property with more than 19 within about a 2-3 mile radius as far as we can tell. We will be the ones dealing with shadow flicker, ice throw, dead animals. Increased mosquitoes and other insects. Then we have to deal with the infrasound, EMF and vibrational issues on top of that and no one really knows the extent of the health issues these will cause. We have spoken to many who have lived with the turbines and their lives have been turned upside down.

Now we hear the setback might even be shortened further from an already unsafe distance to an even more hazardous one. The manufacturers of these turbines have a much farther setback in their manuals but the wind developers want them shortened at the expense of our safety and health. Our barn is 300 feet away from our home and my animals live there and their health and welfare is a priority to us.

We spend time in our barn, even at the current setbacks it will be dangerous. We could be in danger every time we go outside. Is money more important than human life? Our property will no longer be our peace, or ours to control. Our local wind representative thought \$500 would be worth it to take away our rights? Sorry, there is no price worth it for ruining this land for an unproven alternative energy source that has many flaws. Stop and think about if it was you or your loved ones being invaded by this unreliable power source...are your families' health, safety and peace really worth it?

Know as you consider this, you will all be in our prayers.
