

TESTIMONY OF KEVIN AND JODY ADAMS

Champaign County

IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, I am here to raise opposition against any revision of the setbacks for industrial wind turbines that would measure the distance from my home rather than my property line. I also object to any proposed reduction of the current 1,125-foot setback from property lines.

My wife and I are life long residents of Champaign County. I am retired from Honda Eng after 37 years of service and my wife is a Nurse Practitioner. We purchased our home and 10-acre mini farm on Bullard-Rutan Rd Mechanicsburg Ohio in the early 1990's. Since that time, we have invested a significant amount of our love, labor and money to make our dream home come to fruition. Specifically, to enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting and quiet peaceful country road. In addition, we use our land to raise our own livestock and garden vegetables.

This investment has been a life time passion and is expected to yield dividends as we move into retirement.

Per the current plan documents for the Buckeye Wind Proposal our property literally will be surrounded by turbines T127, T101, T093 and T092. Based on the current plan documents these turbines will be within hundreds of yards to my home and property. In addition, we will have an access road and overhead transmission line running parallel to the rear property line within hundreds of feet to my home.

The current plan documents regarding Turbine Noise and Shadow Flicker are very concerning. Presenting sound decibel data without providing the distance to the source is misleading and incomplete data. A true understanding of the Shadow Flicker data is difficult but clearly a concern to my property.

These impacts will no doubt destroy our ability to enjoy our property for entertaining and enjoying a quiet rural life. To this end I believe our lifestyle will be negatively impacted not to mention absolute certain plummet of our property values.

I would like to suggest that those in this decision-making process come to my home and realize the intrusive nature of this particular plan layout. Go to the spot and know the actual situation before you make any decisions.

From my own personal research and investigation, the current setbacks need to be maintained or extended and must be from property lines not buildings. Serious safety concerns are well documented regarding mechanical failure and ice throw.

The notion that my neighbor's private business endeavors will be given the ability to encroach on my property is absurd to me. Zoning laws and regulations exist to keep such things from happening. It is hard to understand how this is any different.

In summary I oppose revising setbacks based on serious safety, monetary and quality of life concerns.