

**TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. DILLINGHAM**  
**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 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 name is Jim Dillingham, a resident of Seneca County and a retired Army Veteran who served this country honorably for 22 years. My retirement from the military stems from injuries received while on active duty and subsequently a disability rating of 70% from the Veterans Affairs. From my injuries, and I quote the Medial Evaluation Board summary from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, "he sustained severe head trauma resulting in two and one-half weeks of a comatose condition with residual amnesia for the events immediately preceding the accident". From the severe head trauma, one of the resulting disabilities determined is "chronic vertigo". This event occurred in July of 2000 and I continue to suffer from those conditions today.

I offer these facts and ask that you review an article written by Dr. Jerry Punch and Mr. Richard James which prove wind turbines pose risks to human health and welfare, specifically the industry claims which begin on page 5. After you have reviewed the article (<http://hearinghealthmatters.org/journalresearchposters/files/2016/09/16-10-21-Wind-Turbine-Noise-Post-Publication-Manuscript-HHTML-Punch-James.pdf>) I ask that you consider the health and welfare of not just this Veteran but of all residents affected by the Seneca and Republic wind projects and make the determination if a person's health and welfare are worth financial gain? Through my research on medical issues associated with turbines, coupled with my condition, I have been in direct contact with Dr. Jerry Punch to gain his professional opinion on the issue.

I urge you to not support Substitute House Bill 114 safeguarding setback distances to be measured from a non-participants property line and NOT residence.

If you wish to contact me directly, I can be reached at:

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Respectfully,

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