

TESTIMONY OF JENA AICHOLZ.
Seneca 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 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.

Two months ago, we received a letter from an attorney's office based in Columbus, Ohio. This letter was to inform us we were going to be in the footprint of a proposed wind turbine farm. This came to us a shock to both me and my husband. What does this mean, where will they be located, how many of them, how tall, how close??? The questions we had seemed endless and with no immediate response from the law firm (Bricker and Eckler) or the company (sPower) who sent it!

We just knew we would be on our own to research all aspects of wind turbine projects. Setback distances immediately jumped out at me as one of the most important topics when it comes to the siting of these massive wind turbines. How close/far is the correct distance they should be from an inhabited structure? This is the most interesting question I can find when it comes to these projects because this distance can either mitigate damage or amplify the harmful effects that are caused by these projects. It seems that these setback distance vary greatly all over the world!! Some places have setback distances that are over 2 miles(<https://www.masterresource.org/wind-offset-distance/wind-ordinance-offset-debate/>) !!

How can this range vary so much? What do some of these people know that we/you don't? This has lead to further pursuit for better answers. Have these people had more negative experiences, have they learned first-hand about the impacts these giant industrial turbines have on their health, well-being, quality of life, noise emissions, infrasound detriments, property values plummeting, etc. The more I read the more I see that each project and each population density per footprint is unique and therefore the setback distances **NEED** to be tailored accordingly! Why would our elected officials in Columbus come up with one wind industry-serving setback distance when **WE THE PEOPLE** should have the say!! Who knows our communities better than us! Please we beg you to help us by **NOT** changing the current setbacks or if you feel you must please include a provision/amendment that gives **THE POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!**