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Subject: Opposition to HB175

Hello,

I'm astonished! How could any Ohio legislator ever consider such a regressive bill as HB175? How could they explain a vote for a bill that would remove oversight of our water resources to their constituents, or worse yet, to their children or grandchildren?

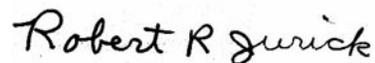
Aren't you legislators aware of H2Ohio, algae growth in Lake Erie, the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico? Any survey of the public opinion will find protection of water as a prime concern.

I am member a of B-W Community Land Trust and The Partners for the Environment (PFE), a collaboration of approximately seventy (70) environment organizations in the Great Miami and Little Miami Watersheds. PFE is composed on nature centers, land trusts, park districts and education institutions. These two watersheds have had, and still face, many challenges to its water resources.

A few decades ago, the Little Miami River, the nation's first designated Scenic River, was one of the most polluted in the State of Ohio. Due to improved environmental regulations and consistent enforcement by OEPA, the river is returning a healthier state. The Great Miami River is still recovering from the Sherman Williams fire. The river, and the Dayton area water sources, are now encountering recently discovered micro-pollutants in the Great Miami River Sole Source Aquifer.

There is no, zero, evidence that HB175 will help Ohio's waterways, wetlands and aquifers.

Please take this regressive legislation off the table.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. Jurick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert R. Jurick, PhD. Resident of Mad River Township, Clark County