

**Testimony of Christine Backus  
Seneca County, Ohio  
In support of HB-118  
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee  
March 9, 2021**

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of HB-118.

In regards to HB 118 we live in a rural area where our local citizens should be deciding if the promised benefits of wind or solar are valid and if they will outweigh the negative which comes with industrialization.

As a local resident no one has come to our home to discuss what is being proposed. We did have someone come and knock on our door asking for support of wind turbines 3 years ago. However, we have not heard from them since.

I can not imagine the increase in traffic and big machinery that will negatively hurt our infrastructure. People from large cities may feel that wind and solar are great for their community but they should not be making our decisions about our areas'.

It is our safety that will be threatened if state regulated, property values will change from agricultural to industrial. That is not us. We are agricultural folks/ residential folks that pull together to build our community up, not tear it up.

Thank you,

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