

**Testimony of Linda and Richard Bollenbacher
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In support of HB-118
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, we write as proponents of HB-118.

Of course local citizens should be the ones deciding on projects which affect our community, projects such as a wind project by a state agency (Ohio Power Siting Board) . Our personal safety , our health, our property value, our landscape and our livelihood are all at stake. We are all concerned about these issues which greatly effect our lives and the lives of generations to come.

I believe everyone in our community should have a voice in this matter since the wind project and any other projects of this magnitude transforms our community and lives in such enormous ways. We need a voice by voting. We need to be informed of any projects such as this in a timely manner and not after the the project has been initiated.

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