

To the Public Utilities Committee:

Please OPPOSE HB 118.

As an Ohio resident and voter, I do not want energy generation subject to local approval. Ohio needs Clean, Green, Sustainable Energy like Wind and Solar and local governments should not be able to deny these facilities in their communities as green energy benefits us all.

- **Anti-Climate:** Ohio is the nation's sixth largest carbon emitter. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels is key to reducing our carbon footprint. These pieces of legislation will only further delay any real progress in combating climate change and transiting to cleaner, renewable energy.
- **Anti-Energy Choice:** This bill would take away the ability for landowners to benefit from leasing their own property to solar and wind developers because neighbors might not like the aesthetics.
- **Anti-Economic Benefits:** The market for solar and wind is creating great economic opportunity in rural Ohio, allowing landowners, school districts, and political subdivisions to gain new revenue streams.
- **Anti-Renewables:** The legislation targets only wind and solar resources at the expense of a prudent, diversified portfolio. By artificially restricting market supply, the bills will lead to increased electricity costs.
- **Anti-Business:** Private sector companies from across the nation and right here in Ohio are increasingly choosing to obtain fixed-cost renewables. These bills dramatically hinder their ability to exercise energy choice, manage their energy costs, and take control of their energy future.
- **Anti-Stability:** These bills will give no certainty or stability in the development process of wind farms or solar facilities. The referendum does not take place until after investments and capital decisions have been made. Having a project rejected after this process will have a chilling effect on future projects of all kinds.
- **Retroactive:** The legislation is written to apply to projects already pending at the Siting Board or pending for a local permit. Companies have spent millions of dollars to get to this point in good faith reliance on current law. SB 52/HB 118 pulls the rug out from under them.

Thank you for considering my points and please OPPOSE HB 118.

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