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The Honorable Jim Hoops  
Chairman  
Public Utilities Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: House Bill 118 – Written Opponent Testimony**

Dear Chairman Hoops:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide written opponent testimony on House Bill 118 (HB 118). HB 118 creates a referendum process that would allow townships impacted by large scale solar or wind power projects to either approve or reject such projects approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

The development of both solar and wind power in Ohio -- as in other states -- has continued to increase over the past decade as companies and citizens demand sustainable and cleaner options for their electricity generation. Ohio's statewide approval process, managed by the Ohio Power Siting Board, has been an effective mechanism to site such projects, weighing the pros and cons for the state and its citizens. For clarity, uniformity of policy, and economy of process, the OMA urges a statewide approach for such projects and decisions.

There are already multiple avenues during the review process for interested parties to either provide input to -- or formally intervene in and participate in -- cases to ensure their positions are considered by the Board. Pancaking approvals and bogging processes with multiple layers of decision making is costly and inefficient. As drafted, HB 118 is not the optimum solution if the desired goal is to maximize local input.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. I'd be pleased to try to answer any questions that you might have; please contact me at [rbrundrett@ohiomfg.com](mailto:rbrundrett@ohiomfg.com) or (614) 629-6814.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Brundrett".

Rob Brundrett  
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