

Dear sirs:

I am asking that you pass SB52 as revised. It is imperative that your constituents have a voice in solar/wind energy projects in their community. I believe these energy companies are targeting Ohio all of a sudden because we have fewer regulations in place and it makes it very easy for them to prey on our landowners. They are offering such huge sums of money per acre to “lease” the property. The solar developing companies could purchase the properties for a much lesser price than the leasing cost, and it would be a great savings to them! Or are they protecting themselves in case they have financial issues. Are they instead going to “decommission” the projects prematurely, only to leave the panels as skeletons on the land they claimed would be so much better because it would have laid idle for all those years with special plantings to help improve the soil? We have no such example of a decommissioned project, do we? What are the companies going to do with the panels that will have little recycling value? Will those panels be recycled or will they be sent to our local landfills instead? These are just a few of the questions I have regarding the solar field projects. In addition, the project planned for Delaware Township, Defiance County will thwart the much needed economic and residential development in our community of Sherwood. Such development that we have not seen in many years is finally progressing!

Thank you for promoting SB 52.

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