

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: 6/22/21

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB 52

Specific Issue: _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I support this Bill, but would love to see some more local control put back in to it. The Bill has been watered down to much

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Dear Chairman Hoops, and Members of the House Public Utilities Committee

I am Dominic J. Miller, I live at 1582 St. Rt. 4, Bellevue, Huron County, Sherman Twp., Ohio. I live in the footprint of the proposed Emerson Creek Wind Project. I am writing this in support of Senate Sub SB 52.

Here in Huron, Seneca, Erie, Sandusky, and Crawford counties we currently have FIVE Industrial Wind Turbine projects in various stages of development. They are Emerson Creek Wind, Emerson Creek West, Republic Wind, Buck Springs Wind, and Honey Creek Wind. Now there are also the Wheatsborough Solar Project in Erie County and another proposed solar farm in Cranberry Twp. in Crawford County. These are just the projects that we are aware of at this time, there could be more. If all these projects get approved and built, we will have well in excess of 300, 490 to 657-foot-tall (or taller) Industrial Wind Turbines and two solar projects mixed in for good measure in our rural farm communities, successfully transforming our tranquil, scenic landscape into a sprawling Industrial Zone, twice the size of Columbus, that will NEVER be the same again. Beautiful sunsets will be obstructed forever. The night sky will be blinking red lights instead of stars and property values will plummet. At what point will we not have enough food because we have transformed too much farmland into Wind and Solar "Farms", which are not "Farms" but giant energy generation facilities forced into rural areas.

I have lived at my current residence for 40 years with my wife, Diane. We have raised 2 sons, who are married and have moved on, but still live in the area. We have built our property from the ground up on my wife's family farm and are very proud to call this HOME. I have just retired and planned to enjoy our property. There won't be much to enjoy if these projects get built with Turbines flickering, blinking, and making noise. The quality of life as we know it will never be the same. We sure didn't ever intend to move; this is our home. We love it here. We also cannot afford to lose the equity we have built up in our property at this point in our lives. Just answer these questions: If **YOUR** home was surrounded by 657-foot-tall Turbines just some 1400 feet from your property line, or surrounded by solar panels, would **YOUR** home be worth the same as it is today???? Would **YOU** still want to live there???? Would **YOUR** children or grandchildren be safe playing in the yard with our current inadequate setbacks???? Be honest. This is just plain common sense.

The local vote proposed by this bill would to be our only chance to stop these projects. Every card in the deck is stacked against us. I have been personally involved and provided testimony to the OPSB in opposition to the Seneca Wind, Republic Wind and the Emerson Creek Wind projects. There is new evidence worldwide every day on all the health issues created by Industrial Wind Turbines and Solar Panels. No one seems to listen to the residents' concerns who will have to live with the decision of the seven members of the OPSB. The OPSB only appears to have one rubber stamp for all Wind and Solar projects so far, and that is a big "YES". I have listened to several OPSB meetings where they have approved several Solar projects in less than five minutes each with NO discussion and never a single no vote.

PLEASE support this bill for us to have a chance to stop the ruination of our beautiful area. Please take a moment to put yourself in our shoes, would you have these 650-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines or Solar Panels built around ***your*** homes, around ***your*** families, based on a small percentage of land owners getting paid to love them and the decision of the OPSB? We have had to raise thousands of dollars to pay lawyers' fees and spend countless hours away from our jobs and families trying to fight multi-million-dollar companies at the OPSB hearings, who are not even from Ohio and who could care less about the people that live here. They are only here for one thing, **THE STIMULOUS MONEY!!**

I firmly believe that there are two categories of people who support Green Energy. The first are those who are paid by or are making money from Green Energy lobbyists or leases. The second are those who choose not to get educated on all the negatives of Green Energy. If you do not support this bill, which category do you fit into? Currently our only voice is a one-time Public Hearing with the OPSB or writing a public comment that no one knows if it is ever read or if any comment actually means anything. We desperately need to have this one chance to have a voice that actually counts. OUR voice, the people who live in the project area, not someone with an office in Columbus, who will never see these projects unless they are going to Lake Erie or Cedar Point.

You may think that this is the typical NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) excuse. It very well may be, BUT what if this was indeed in **YOUR** backyard. Think long and hard about that before you cast your vote. Please vote in favor of Senate Sub SB 52 and get this bill passed as soon as possible, time is of essence.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Dominic J. Miller