

**Testimony of Brett Meyers
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In support of SB-52
Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
March 9, 2021**

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, ranking member Williams, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of SB-52.

I feel that this very important bill needs to pass.

As our elected officials you need to stand and support Ohio residents. It only makes sense that everyone affected by the industrial wind and solar projects should have a voice by vote. A local vote is the only true fair way since large scale wind and solar projects transform our beautiful rural communities in such sweeping fashion.

The citizens should be the ones to decide whether they want to live within an industrial zone with 655 foot wind turbines surrounding them. These projects not only affect us by their presence, but will also lower our property values if our community changes from agricultural and residential to what could truthfully only be referred to as an industrial area. This decision should not be left up to the Ohio Power Siting Board, especially since it will affect the local citizens living among the turbines or next to a solar project.

Please support this very important bill!!! Let the local communities vote as to whether the benefits of an industrial wind or solar project outweigh the costs and should be built surrounding us. This will protect the citizens today and in the future.

Thank you,

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