

Chairman Hoops, Vice chair Ray, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Committee, my name is Angie Wright, I am currently the President of Bright Local School District Board of Education, as well as a life long resident in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am against House Bill 118. I believe these decisions need to stay at the State level. Local decisions would be made at a personal or emotional decision not what is the best benefit for everyone in the area. Believe me I understand people not wanting solar farms next to their property, mostly because of the unknown. We have seen in the past at other hearings of people who oppose the Solar Projects, they do not have all the factual information to make their case. There is so much misinformation spread by people that do not wish to have the Solar Farms around. With the correct information and momentary benefit, it is just too high to pass up. I am currently serving on the Board of Education in the Bright Local School District. Since my tenure on the board, we have tried to pass several school levees, which have failed. As of this year we are no longer collecting any money from any Levy. We are only collecting property tax and State School funding. We have a poverty District and our levies we have tried to pass has failed by big margins. The money our District will collect from the Solar projects is essential to our District. If this decision were left to our local trustees, I do not think it would have been approved due to the uncertainty of what these farms will look like and the unbelieving of the State Mandated per megawatt tax will generate, not only for the Schools, but for the county and townships.

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