

Senator Peterson and Members of Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I strongly oppose SB52.

After combating Covid-19 the highest priority in the United States is to address climate change.

\*Why add a layer of review after the work of the Ohio Power Siting Board already includes local testimony?

\* The US military is greatly concerned about climate change since it will affect naval seaports, cause mass migrations and cause more social unrest.

\* Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos are spending huge amounts of money to fight climate change.

\* Oklahoma, like Ohio an oil & gas state, produces 34% of their electric power from wind. Ohio, generates less than 2%. eia.gov data, 2019.

\* General Motors, Ford, Volkswagen and other auto companies are spending enormous amounts of money to transition their production to electric vehicles.

\* Will Ohio be producing electric power for electric vehicles with natural gas-fired power plants? Does that make sense? As a businessman this bill seems like a counterproductive approach.

\* Why should Ohio be putting roadblocks in the way of moving forward toward a sustainable future? Ohio has solar and wind opportunities that can be utilized.

I have personally heard a 5th generation northern Ohio farmer publicly testify that having a steady income source from wind power can be very helpful in keeping his family farm viable.

We live on a finite planet. Sustainable processes are the way forward. Nurture sustainability. Do not add fuel to the fire of global warming.

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