

To the Ohio House and Senate Committees Concerned:

As a physician scientist and Ohio constituent, I write to urge you to vote no on HB 118 + SB 52.

Other states are moving forward with new, bold green energy policies. These bills put Ohio behind. To save lives, we need leadership based on evidence and new technology that puts us at the forefront of energy development.

Representatives Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Dick Stein (R-Norwalk) and Senators Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) and Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) have introduced House Bill 118 and Senate Bill 52, respectively, which creates a process for township voters to approve or reject the placement of a solar facility or wind farm in their area—which would make them the only sources of energy generation subject to local approval.

This legislation will further exacerbate the loss of opportunities to launch new renewable energy careers, generate new tax revenue, reduce harmful air pollution, and act on climate..

Ohio is the nation's sixth largest carbon emitter. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels is key to reducing our carbon footprint. Several studies have now linked air pollution to exacerbation of cardiovascular disease, among other problems. These pieces of legislation will only further delay any real progress in combating climate change and transiting to cleaner, renewable energy.

Private sector companies from across the nation and right here in Ohio are increasingly choosing to obtain fixed-cost renewables. These bills dramatically hinder their ability to exercise energy choice, manage their energy costs, and take control of their energy future.

For my patients and the future of our state, please vote no on HB 118 + SB 52.

Thank You,

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