

Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118

Members of the Public Utilities Committee, my name is Lois Dodderer and I have land in Cardington, Ohio that will be a part of a solar farm.

I am a retired farmer and worked for Rockwell International and Boeing for 37 years. I grew up on the farm and had so many memorable experiences as a child in 4-H and taking our cattle to the county fair.

I am currently leasing the land to a neighbor and renting the property. As a retired farmer, this is the right decision for me and my daughter, who also supports the solar project. I worked with an attorney to make sure that my family's interests were represented. This is not something that people walk into blind. It takes a lot of research and contemplation.

I know you are hearing this bill because you have heard from people who don't want to see solar or wind in their community. All of the issues that people raise are addressed by the solar company. There are many people who at first are skeptical, but once they learn more, realize that solar is good for our communities and our state.

I hope you will see the enormous amount of work and studies that go into bringing a project forward. I also hope you explore the significant amount of revenue these projects generate for rural schools and community.

Solar might not be for everyone. But please don't stop or slow the opportunity for others who do want to lease their land for solar farming.

Thanks for your consideration of my opinion and I encourage you to oppose Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.