

Solar and wind renewable energy is creating strong, lasting economic opportunities in rural Ohio, benefitting landowners, school districts, and political subdivisions. The last thing the state should be doing is discouraging these benefits.

By artificially restricting supply, the bills drive up electricity costs. The legislation targets certain resources at the expense of a prudent, diversified portfolio.

Ohio companies across multiple sectors are increasingly choosing to obtain fixed-cost renewables. My family has sought out renewable energy sources outside Ohio. How nice it would be to support local business and keep money in state. These bills dramatically hinder my ability and the ability of other Ohioans to exercise energy choice, manage their energy costs, and take control of their energy future.

The bills set a troublesome precedent whereby infrastructure projects are politicized, and, therefore vulnerable to corruption and will have a disturbing and potentially damaging effect on future projects of all kinds. This is why I strongly oppose HB 118.