

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52

Stephen A. Baden (Defiance County)

May 19, 2021

Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee. My name is Stephen A. Baden and I reside in Defiance County. I am in support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share my reasons why I support the passage of this bill.

I support the passage of Sub Senate Bill 52. We were approached in 2019 by a company out of Texas, 7X Energy project name Cepheus. After much thought, discussion and numerous attorney fees, we will not participate in this project. This project encroaches on the entire community of Delaware Township and the Village of Sherwood Ohio. Especially the residents that are directly adjacent to any portion of the solar project. Our residence is directly adjacent to a large portion of this project. This project will have a tremendous amount of lasting negative effects on this entire community for many years to come. People have the right to do what they choose with their property, but when it encroaches on other people within the community, it must be stopped. The citizens of Delaware Township and the Village of Sherwood Ohio should have the right to vote on this issue at a local level. Thank you.