

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52

Roberta Vogelsong (Defiance County)

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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and

members of the Committee. My name is Roberta Vogelsong and I reside in Defiance County. I am submitting my written testimony in support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share my reasons why I support the passage of this proposed legislation.

I believe that the local elected officials should be able to control what is developed in the local community. Our township trustees represent our community and they can best decide what will benefit our community or negatively impact our community. Our Trustees should be able to decide if and how solar and wind companies can develop renewable energy projects in our communities. They best know where these projects should be located within our communities, so developing energy districts would be beneficial if they choose to do so. They can best regulate and keep negative impact to a minimum on our community. Please accept this legislation and move it to be voted on by Senate. This would be most beneficial to our small, more rural communities, so that we can have local control over land use. Thank you.