

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52

Jim B Steinke (Auglaize County)

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

I am asking that our State leadership supports and passes S.B. 52 and H.B. 118. As a resident and business owner of 32 years, I am adamantly opposed to the wind turbine and solar projects proposed in Auglaize County. The immediate and long term impact to our community will have negative consequences far greater than any benefit from these wind turbines and solar projects. I believe they will only benefit huge corporations through tax subsidies, and locally will cause home and property values to decrease and ultimately a decline in income to the residents of this rural community. Long term, business owners will suffer due to lack of construction, service, and retail. This is not how to make a community grow! I agree the passages of these bills will allow local residents in the community to have a voice on these types of proposed energy projects. I ask you to fully support the bills as well.

Sincerely,

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