

PROPONENT TESTIMONEY
Sub. SB 52

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

I support the passing of this bill, because I feel that residents of the township and county that wind/solar developers are looking to place these farms, should have the right to decide/ vote if they want it located in their areas.

I cannot believe that one organization, The Ohio Power Siting Board, has the power to make decisions for the residents of Ohio, which will affect the livelihood of many Ohioans.

Solar/Wind developments are unlike any other industry in which the Siting Board grants certification. I am in support of the language in this substitute bill as it will return the ability for Townships, and the residents who reside there the right to make the decision as to if they want these developments in their communities.

The language in this substitute Bill is fair and just. The residents and elected officials should be the ones to decide if they want wind/solar developments in their communities.

You, and this general assembly, have the ability to correct this by the swift and efficient passage of this legislation and encouraging the Governor to immediately sign it upon arriving on his desk.

Thank you,

Laurie Hodosko