

PROPONENT TESTIMONY
Sub. SB 52
Patricia A Gaffer (ALLEN COUNTY)
May 19, 2021

My name is Patricia Gaffer and I reside in Allen County. I fully support the Sub. Senate Bill 52.

As a lifelong resident (61 years) of Allen County I would like to express my support of Sub. Senate Bill 52. I support this bill as it will return back to Ohio Townships the right to manage the land use in a manner that is desired by the majority of its residents. This proposed bill provides a reasonable and fair process for a renewable energy developers' ability to identify which parts of Ohio are willing to welcome such investment into their area and assist with the immediate passage industrial wind/solar.

The public interest, convenience and necessity of such projects should first take into account the public immediately surrounding such developments and who can be adversely affected by such developments. It is the opinion of these Ohioans that should carry the significant weight in the wind/solar application process. Only they know best how such a development might impact their community.

Residents and businesses, other than wind/solar developments in this case, have had to comply with local zoning and regulations for years. Thus creating an unfair advantage for wind/solar developments that will consume thousands of acres of land, create minimal full-time employment opportunities for local residents, as well as enjoying large energy investment/energy production tax credits.

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Please return the authority back to the Townships and support SB52. Please encourage the Governor to sign immediately upon receipt.

Thank you,

Patricia A. Gaffer
Resident and Tax Payer of Allen County, Ohio