

## **PROPONENT TESTIMONY**

Sub. SB 52

Ralph & Lisa Joseph (Allen County)

May 19, 2021

Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee. We are Ralph and Lisa Joseph and reside in Allen County. We support Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share our reasons why we do.

We are life-long residents of Allen County, Shawnee Township. We are in support of returning control back to the townships concerning wind/solar energy developments. It should be up to the residents as to where developments are done, whether it's wind/solar power or a manufacturing plant or a chicken farm or an apartment complex. The residents have to live with their decision, not a siting board that represents the entire state. Each township is different, with not only differing views on development but also differing land types. Our concern over this has been that fertile land is just randomly being taken for wind/solar development with very little concern that Ohio is supposed to be a pollinator state... and that cannot happen if the once fertile land is being destroyed.

Sincerely,

Ralph & Lisa Joseph