

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 William Hodosko and I live in Allen County. I am proud voting Ohio resident in support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share my reasons why I support the passage of this bill.

I am sure you are aware Ohio Bill of Rights, Article 2, "All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit". It also states that "no special privileges or immunities shall ever be granted, that may not be altered, revoked or repealed by the general assembly."

I support the passing of this bill, because I feel the residents of the local county and townships have right to decide or vote if they want it located in their area. Alternative energy including wind or solar or whatever else will be in the future.

In my opinion there should not be one committee to have this much power. I feel there should be input from the local residents and the local Ohio elected government officials affected by the proposal's because we must live with the long-term ramifications of one committee deciding the fate of people that are impacted these large proposals. The Ohio Power Siting Board has this power to make decisions for the residents of Ohio, this will affect the livelihood of all Ohio residents that are aware and not aware of these proposals.

Wind or solar developments are unlike any other industry in which the Siting Board grants certification. I support of the language in this substitute bill as it will return the right for local governments, townships, and the residents who live there have the right to make the decision as to if they want these developments in their communities.

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

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

Thank you,

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