

10/29/2023

The Honorable Rodney Creech, Chair
The Ohio House Agriculture Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

My name is Tana Stanton, and I serve on the Fairborn City Council. I am providing this written testimony in support of HB 196 because it will prevent other municipalities from enduring the negative impacts of poorly designed and operated biodigesters that our community has experienced.

Many of our residents have been suffering for years from the ammonia air pollution caused by the Renergy biodigester facility in Bath Township. From the time I began my first Council term in 2019, I have received more complaints and requests for help regarding the biodigester than for all other issues combined. My home is in a mostly unaffected area, but a significant portion of our city has been affected, and this issue is very important to me.

My experience has convinced me that our existing laws do not provide adequate protection to prevent a polluting biodigester operation from being initiated in Ohio. This industry should be better regulated so that as a society we can benefit from the environmentally sustainable energy produced using biodigesters without polluting the air of the nearby communities.

I appreciate the work done by Representative Lampton to include stakeholders from our community in the process of developing this legislation, and I strongly encourage its adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tana A Stanton".

Tana Stanton

Fairborn City Council