

**TO     Senator Scott Oelslager, Chair**  
**Senator Gayle Manning, Vice Chairwoman**  
**Senator Michael Skindell**

**TESTIMONY - IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BUDGET BILL AMENDMENT SUB HOUSE BILL 49 TO CHANGE WIND TURBINE SETBACKS**

I am opposed to changing the wind turbine setbacks to prior 2014 footage. **Setbacks should be larger** and at least changed to **2,300 feet**, as found in Indiana.

I purchased my farm in 1973, paying off my mortgage through hard work and dedication, paying property and income taxes throughout those years and raising our children to be upstanding citizens in a country setting. We should not be facing the loss of quality of life or the loss of our property rights.

We should not allow wind energy companies to trespass on our property rights, stripping us of the rightful use of our property.

Van Wert County has some of the most productive agricultural land in the state, allowing wind turbines to be built on this very productive land is completely wrong. We have subsurface drainage systems which would be affected by this construction for many years to come; we have many trees and woodlands which would also be impacted.

Farmers are being told that by the year 2030 we should be increasing our corn yields to 300 bushels per acre. How can this be done if we take so much fertile acreage out of production, acreage that would never regain its former productivity? **We cannot afford to give up our fertile soil to wind energy companies.** One wind turbine takes up at least one acre of land which would be **permanently** affected and would never be returned to its natural state.

This area of the state is highly populated and as I stated before, has some of the most productive agricultural land in the state. We do not want to lose our land to wind companies that rape our countryside of its productivity, bringing lost property values, noise and shadow flicker problems, health issues and the loss of our quality of life.

Do not let wind energy companies infringe on our property rights without our permission or compensation. Do not let them trespass on our land! Do not let one or two people dictate what the majority can or cannot do with their property.

This is not the American way! Do not lessen wind turbine setback! Rather make them larger as many other nearby states are doing.

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