

March 18, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Adam Brooks and I live in Akron, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture- although I am not a farmer, I have ties to the farming community. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 take away landowners' right to do what they want with their land such as losing their ability to farm the wind.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more than I, as a city resident, do in taxes. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, but I DO support wind energy and would welcome a project to our area. This could only potentially be made possible though if this bill is NOT passed.

I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Adam Brooks

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 9, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Our area has a strong heritage of which I am very proud. As you know, it is a tough time for agriculture, I am a farmer and I rely on other financial resources to stay afloat. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Adam Quinn

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Adam Wattrick

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Alex Farmer

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Andrew Cooper

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Barbara Baldosser

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Betsy Miller and I live in rural Seneca County. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Betsy Miller

cc: Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Representative Bill Reineke

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Brad Alexander

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Respectfully,
Brandon Carpenter

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Brian Barr

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Respectfully,

Brian Lepley

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Brieann Johns and I live in Galion, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,
Brittany Farmer

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Brooke Stockmeister and I live in rural Seneca County. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Brooke Stockmeister

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 12, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
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The Ohio Senate
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Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Bryan Baccaire and I live in Copley, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture- although I am not a farmer, I have ties to the farming community. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 take away landowners' right to do what they want with their land such as losing their ability to farm the wind.

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Chad Mahl

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 17, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Cheyenne Taylor and I live in Crestline, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Cheyenne Taylor

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March 19, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

Our area has a strong heritage of which I am very proud. As you know, it is a tough time for agriculture, I am a certified Master Gardener and am aware of the work that our Extension agents do.

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Christine Martin

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Dale Bickel

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Daniel Clark

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Darla Gilbert

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Darylène Dunn and I live in rural Seneca County. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Darylène Dunn

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My name is Denny Smith and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I am the 5th generation to farm on my family's land and I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more in property taxes than smaller landowners. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, but I DO support wind energy and would welcome a project to our area. This could only potentially be made possible though if this bill is NOT passed.

I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Denny Smith

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Participation in these solar and wind projects is a choice, one that many folks across Ohio have made. Whether folks are choosing to participate as a source of income, to see the state move forward to more renewable energy sources, or for any other reasons, this is a choice for the landowner and the landowner alone to make. A referendum process like the one proposed strips away that choice from landowners and gives the township control over what folks do with their own land.

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I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Don Lawhorn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

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Respectfully,

Doug Adams

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 12, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Dustin Hendrix and I live outside of Holmesville, Ohio. My father-in-law is a 5th generation farmer and I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Dustin Hendrix

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Emily Benford and I live in Strongsville, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Emily Benford

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 10, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Emily Stelhorn and I live in Sandusky, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Emily Stelhorn

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Respectfully,

Erika Wattrick

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair

Energy and Public Utilities Committee

The Ohio Senate

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Erin Simmers and I live in Akron, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture- although I am not a farmer, I have ties to the farming community. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 take away landowners' right to do what they want with their land such as losing their ability to farm the wind and/or sun.

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Respectfully,

Erin Simmers

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Respectfully,

Erin Williams

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I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Falyn Gilbert

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 10, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Respectfully,

Felix Maladanado

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Respectfully,

Geanna Britton

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Gerald Miller and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Seneca County needs money to operate, and by building turbines here it will bring the needed money into our county and keep it there. I don't know where those opposed to the wind turbines expect our counties to get money to make the needed improvements to not only our infrastructure, but the roads and schools as well.

What completely ruins the turbine project is the addition of Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. This will no longer allow land owners to make their own decisions for the turbines to be added on their land but would leave the decision up to the township. This strips away land owners' property rights.

This referendum is inappropriate and unfair, and I hope you would vote against it in the name of property owners in Seneca County directly affected by it.

Respectfully,

Gerald Miller

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Respectfully,

Grant Wattrick

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Gregory Weiland and I live in Akron, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Gregory Weiland

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Respectfully,

Jake Lorbach

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Jared Rogers and I live in Columbus, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage, I grew up outside of Coshocton and grew to appreciate farmers and their land. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Jared Rogers

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 1, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

I am a farm land owner / operator in North Central Ohio.

I have struggled through many thin times in agriculture over the last 40 years. In those lean times no one in the neighboring areas of the farms ever offered to help in a minimal way.

I get it they moved in some of those areas for the rural life style yet they never had to pay any of the property taxes, ditch assessments, etc. for the land cost they have enjoyed looking over for decades. Now we as landowners have a solid chance for income from electrical generation that clearly our country needs at this time and the non-farm land owners want the right to take that option option us and our country.

Many folks that have homes in the country look over several hundreds of acres each year. Even with CAUV (Current Ag. Use Valuation) consideration, the farmers that have paid \$50 to \$100 per acre per year in real estate taxes plus various drainage assessments. These home owners have never contributed to that expense. Everyone wants abundant cheap energy and food yet no one wants the slightest inconvenience.

The setbacks to build wind towers of over a quarter mile from any property edge boundary not signed into a lease with the proposing power company is more than enough to silence any noise. These wind companies are even required to set back farther if the sun is bright at dawn or sunset so they home has no flicker from the blades is more than a few minutes if that in 24 hours.

The old setback standards were 300 feet from bare land, today a not leased piece of land the set back from land with no home is ¼ mile. I think this is more than fair and far enough from people who have never bore the cost of the land ownership, liability or responsibility.

I'm writing you today to express my very strong opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. This bill is an attack on private property rights and a threat to businesses investing in the state.

Participation in wind and solar projects is a choice, one that many folks across Ohio have made. Whether folks are choosing to participate as a source of income, to see the state move forward to more renewable energy sources, or for any other reasons, this is a choice for the landowner and the landowner alone to make. A referendum process like the one proposed strips away that choice from landowners and gives the township control over what folks do with their own land.

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I strongly encourage you to stand with landowners and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Kalb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Kalb" clearly legible.

Jason Kalb

16668 West River Road

Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

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I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Jessica Quinn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Respectfully,

Jim Wattrick

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is John Stockmeister and I am a rural resident and farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

When my family bought property here in Seneca County many generations ago, I never thought that others would be so concerned with what I do with it. Senate Bill 234 would completely take that right away from me; I don't feel that others who live in my township should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property in my name, and legally mine, especially after it goes through a legal permitting process enforced by the state. I hope the people voting on this bill consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

John Stockmeister

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 20, 2021

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Respectfully,
Joseph Farmer

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Respectfully,

Josh Williams

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Julie Brooks and I live in Akron, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture- although I am not a farmer, I have ties to the farming community. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 take away landowners' right to do what they want with their land such as losing their ability to farm the wind.

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Respectfully,

Julie Brooks

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Katharine Wattrick

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March 21, 2021

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Respectfully,

Katherine Meyers

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Katherine Smith
12199 E. Twp. Rd. 148
Republic, OH 44867
Feb. 9, 2020

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman and Senators:

I am writing to express opposition to SB 52 and House Bill 118. I believe that the developers of the Republic Wind Farm have studied the safety and environmental impact of the wind farm and that the community will benefit financially as well as set forth an example in our area of a clean energy source.

A group of people have spearheaded a drive in our community to make this wind farm seem detrimental. Most of the people to whom I have spoken have blindly accepted and posted the yellow "no wind farm" signs and they cannot or will not talk about the turbines in reasonable terms. These same people want a vote for a referendum. I am extremely opposed to people "jumping on a bandwagon" to vote against what has already been determined to be a viable and beneficial project.

I believe that the OPSB created rules that are landowner friendly and reasonable. I do not like that our rights as landowners are attacked and that our neighbors with the "yellow signs" will be able to control what happens on our land.

Sincerely,

Katherine Smith

March 10, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kayla Gretzinger and I live in New Riegel, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher. I recently purchased a home in the country and I have some acreage, I would be enraged if I was told that I couldn't do what I wanted on my land.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. There is not a proposed wind or solar farm close to where I reside, but I DO support wind energy and would welcome a project to our area.

I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Kayla Gretzinger

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kelly Smith and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I am the wife of a 6th generation farmer and I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more in taxes than smaller landowners. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, but I DO support wind energy and would welcome a project to our area. This could only potentially be made possible though if this bill is NOT passed.

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Respectfully,

Kelly Smith

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Essentially, this allows people's neighbors to have veto power over development on their property. What will be next? In townships where no zoning exists, property owners have a right to develop their land as they wish.

I strongly encourage you to stand with **landowners** and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio.

I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Kelsie Luthy

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Ken Stockmeister Jr. and I am a rural resident and farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

When my family bought property here in Seneca County many generations ago, I never thought that others would be so concerned with what I do with it. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 would completely take that right away from me; I don't feel that others who live in my township should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property in my name, and legally mine, especially after it goes through a legal permitting process enforced by the state. I hope the people voting on this bill consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

Ken Stockmeister Jr.

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Ken Stockmeister Sr. and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. I have lived on my farm for my whole life and future generations plan on living here as well.

With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. It would be such a relief to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what I do with MY land, would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of MY farm land in the hands of other locals and that is absolutely infuriating.

Other residents would say that I am only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of my farm land. My land is a valuable resource and I will do everything in my power to make sure it stays in my family's name.

Respectfully,

Ken Stockmeister, Sr.

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee

The Ohio Senate

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I strongly encourage you to stand with landowners and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Kevin Meyers

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kris Dunn and I'm an Ohio landowner. I'm writing today to ask you to oppose Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Upon approval, the turbines will allow for our roads to not only be improved but they will be entirely replaced and left better than they are currently. Funding for roads and other road improvements is important for our community, and we as residents always hear about how there isn't enough funding for roads. Wind energy development leads to road improvements and repairs.

These improvements would not be possible if wind and solar energy in Ohio is derailed by Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. This bill would likely make all efforts and aspects of wind turbine projects come to an absolute halt due to the referendum placing complete control of the wind turbines in the hands of the township. As a landowner, it is important that I retain my property rights and the use of my property is not determined by the rest of my township.

I hope you would take this into account and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Kris Dunn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kurt Dunn and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County. I have lived on my farm for my whole life and future generations plan on living here as well. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. This is especially pressing this year with the rain making planting season a disaster and threatening the income of all the farmers in the area. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to diversify our income. It would be such a relief to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put complete control of MY farm land in the hands of my township and other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. If this bill passes, will all the decisions on how to use my land be made by my township and neighbors? Will a hog barn have to go up to a township referendum? Will a grain bin? I should have control over how my land is best used, not my township.

Other residents would say that I am only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of my farm land. My land is a valuable resource and I will do everything in my power to make sure it stays in my family's name.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Kurt Dunn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kurt Miller and I am a rural resident and full-time farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my strong support of the proposed wind projects in Seneca County. I own property in Seneca County that would be affected by Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. This property has been in family for generations and this referendum would be detrimental to my livelihood due to my diversified income. This will completely limit my rights as a property owner and would not allow me to have the final say in what happens on the grounds of my great-grandparents and that is absolutely devastating.

There are many reasons why my family and I support the wind turbines, but the main reason for my letter is to express my absolute detest for the wind turbine addition to this bill. I feel this is a very positive change for our county. Not only will the turbines bring in money to our suffering economy, but it will provide jobs to residents.

I hope you take my viewpoint seriously as I m a resident that will be directly affected by the passing of this bill.

Respectfully,

Kurt Miller

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Kyle Dunn and I live in Seneca County. I'm writing to ask you to do everything in your power to oppose Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

This bill is a threat to property rights and our rural way of life. If farmers can't be productive on their land, how are we supposed to make a living? This opportunity to farm the wind is a win for everyone in our community. It will bring in money, jobs, much needed improvements to our roads, and many other benefits.

In addition to taking away community benefits, Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of MY farm land in the hands of my township and other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. If this bill passes, will all the decisions on how to use my land be made by my township and neighbors? Will a hog barn have to go up to a township referendum? Will a grain bin? I should have control over how my land is best used, not my township.

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Respectfully,

Kyle Dunn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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I strongly encourage you to stand with landowners and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Linda Chatlain

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Lisa Hendrix and I live outside of Holmesville, Ohio. I am the daughter of a 5th generation farmer and I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Lisa Hendrix

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
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Dear Chairman Peterson,

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Respectfully,

Logan West-Holmes

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair

Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Respectfully,

Luke Heben

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Respectfully,

Margaret Tuite

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Our area has a strong heritage of which I am very proud. As you know, it is a tough time for agriculture, Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said that this is about local control. It is not. It is about letting the average citizen, many times unfamiliar with wind and local property issues, tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more than I, as a city resident, do in taxes. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, however, I do support wind energy and would welcome a project in our county. This could only potentially be made possible though, if this bill is NOT passed.

I am appealing to you to think of the future, for your children, grandchildren and beyond, who must deal with the effects of a changing climate. Wind energy can be one answer to reducing our carbon footprint. Farmers are in a unique situation to provide energy generated by the wind on their farms. Let farmers decide how they can earn money, boost the local economy, and benefit Ohio.

Please stand with us. Vote NO on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Mark Carr

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Mark Stockmeister and I am a rural resident and farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

When my family bought property here in Seneca County many generations ago, I never thought that others would be so concerned with what I do with it. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 would completely take that right away from me; I don't feel that others who live in my township should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property in my name, and legally mine, especially after it goes through a legal permitting process enforced by the state. I hope the people voting on this bill consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

Mark Stockmeister

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 7, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Mark Weiland and I live in Strongsville, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Mark Weiland

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair

Energy and Public Utilities Committee

The Ohio Senate

1 Capitol Square

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Mark Willman and I live in Attica, Ohio with property within the proposed Honey Creek Wind Farm and I am opposed to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 both include a referendum on wind and solar energy projects after they receive a permit from the state. I find this amendment to be an attack on property rights and an attack on businesses investing in the state.

Participation in these solar and wind projects is a choice, one that many in my community have made. Whether folks are choosing to participate as a source of income, to see the state move forward to more renewable energy sources, or for any other reasons, this is a choice for the landowner and the landowner alone to make. A referendum process like the one proposed strips away that choice from landowners such as myself and gives the township control over what I do with my land. This takes away my property rights and the other participating landowners' property rights.

I oppose the proposed Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. This is a bailout for noncompetitive coal and nuclear plants and an attack on a market competitor in wind and solar energy. Free markets should not have the government picking winners and losers, and this bill picks both winners and losers by propping up one half of the power industry and attacking the other half.

This bill should not become law, and I encourage you to vote against this bill. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Mark Willman

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair

Energy and Public Utilities Committee

The Ohio Senate

1 Capitol Square

Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Respectfully,

Matt Heben

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 6, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

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Respectfully,

Matthew Fagan

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Matthew Lust and I am a rural resident and full-time farmer in Crawford County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my strong support of the proposed wind projects in Crawford County. I own property in Crawford County that would be affected by Senate Bill 234. This property has been in family for generations and this referendum would be detrimental to my livelihood due to my diversified income. This will completely limit my rights as a property owner and would not allow me to have the final say in what happens on the grounds of my great-grandparents and that is absolutely devastating.

There are many reasons why my family and I support the wind turbines, but the main reason for my letter is to express my absolute detest for the wind turbine addition to this bill. I feel this is a very positive change for our county. Not only will the turbines bring in money to our suffering economy, but it will provide jobs to residents.

I hope you take my viewpoint seriously as I m a resident that will be directly affected by the passing of this bill.

Respectfully,

Matthew Lust

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 14, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Melissa Baccaire and I live in Copley, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture- although I am not a farmer, I have ties to the farming community. Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 take away landowners' right to do what they want with their land such as losing their ability to farm the wind.

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Respectfully,

Melissa Baccaire

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

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I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Melissa Carr

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 21, 2021

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Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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Melissa Mahl

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March 10, 2021

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Respectfully,

Michael Mason

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 18, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Molly Cleveland and I live in rural Seneca County. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Nathan Schaeper

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

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Respectfully,

Nicole Light

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The legislation addressing Ohio Senate Bill 52 is of paramount interest to my husband and I as it directly affects our way of life in Huron county. It is necessary that I oppose such issues that threaten my family's livelihood and means of achieving a living in society today. SB 52 would have drastic consequence not just on our present situation, but also for our upcoming generations in how we are able to manage and use our land for the good of the agricultural industry and the future state of our environment.

In essence, this bill would allow township voters the right to determine how my family would be able to use and manage our land in order to make a living. Is this not an invasion of our rights as land and property owners? We pay taxes on our land and as such should be allowed to do as we sit fit with the land we own. It seems a grave injustice to allow others a say in how we can use our property to pursue life and happiness. Choosing to promote the construction of wind or solar farms should not be decided upon by popular vote and opinion. This issue should be treated no differently as deciding to create farmland out of undeveloped land or deciding to enter a new avenue of income in the hog industry by erecting new barns.

The Ohio Power Siting Board already has an aggressive review of energy projects. Why make companies jump through more hoops? Wind and solar are imperative for any healthy state energy plan. Ohio needs to meet renewable energy standards since many companies are looking toward more green energy. Ford Motor Co. is seeking to use 100% locally sourced renewable energy for all manufacturing plants globally by 2035. General Motors has a similar plan in the works including many other large companies, educational institutions, and private citizens.

We must challenge ourselves to think of our future generations. Ohio can be a major hub for clean renewable energy like wind and solar. Green technology can benefit rural communities and provide clean sources of sustainable energy for generations to come. Instead of trying to cease these new renewable sources of energy, we should be finding new advancements to further improve its benefit to our environment and communities. Therefore, we urge all senators to fail this legislation to ensure the safety of our environment for generations to come. Let's make progress with careful cutting-edge decisions for a clean future.

Respectfully,

Patrick and Deborah Fritz

March 21, 2021

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Paul Hanus

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Peg Scott and I am a rural resident in Crawford County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118. My husband is a full-time farmer and we have lived on our farm for our whole lives and future generations plan on living here as well.

With steady falling grain prices, my family needs to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on our property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. It would be such a relief to know that our children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what my family does with OUR land, would completely limit our rights to our land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of OUR farm land in the hands of other locals and that is absolutely infuriating.

Other residents would say that my family is only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of our farm land. Our land is a valuable resource and we will do everything in our power to make sure it stays in our family's name.

I strongly encourage you to stand with landowners and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Peg Scott

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Phil Dunn and I'm an Ohio farmer. I, like thousands of farmers across our great state, work hard to make a living on my land. My land is my living, it's my retirement, and it's what I'll pass on to my kids and their kids. Which is why it made me absolutely livid to hear about Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Let's be very clear: this bill has nothing to do with local control. It has everything to do with taking away my rights in order for legislators to win votes.

Playing politics with my farm is outrageous and an insult to Ohioans and our proud agricultural heritage. You folks have no problem sending me a gigantic property tax bill... but then when I want to produce wind energy so I can afford your taxes, you do everything in your power to stop it.

As a landowner, I ought to have the right to decide what I'll do on my land, NOT my neighbors. Letting my neighbors run my farm would be like letting Michigan run Ohio... and we all know how bad that would be. Just let farmers farm—including the wind—so they can preserve our agricultural heritage.

I hope you'll stand with farmers and oppose Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Phil Dunn

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Phillip Light

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

Hi, my name is Rebecca Weiland and I live in Akron, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Rod Moore

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 8, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Ron Fry. I live in Seneca County and I'm writing to you today to offer opponent testimony on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

My wife and I have worked hard in our community all our lives. My wife is a retired schoolteacher. We've been responsible, saved, and invested in land in rural Seneca County. Now, we have an opportunity to secure our retirement on the land by generating wind energy. Unfortunately, Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 would allow the township to come in and take away our retirement income. It's important to remember, we moved here because it's an unzoned township and we wanted to be able to take advantage of opportunities to be productive on our land.

When our neighbor plants corn around our land, it provides a nice buffer from sound and light from the highway. When he plants soybeans, that buffer is gone. Should we be able to vote to prevent our neighbor from growing soybeans? Of course not. He should have the right to work his land as he chooses to support himself and his family. All I ask is that my wife and I be given the opportunity to do the same.

Please stand with us and allow us to secure a retirement. Vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Ron Fry

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Ryan Myracle

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

March 10, 2021

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

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Sara Carter

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Steve Gilbert

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Steve Smith and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I am the 6th generation to farm on my family's land and I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Tammy Light-Williams

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Tayte Lents

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Theresa Barger and I live in Clyde, Ohio. I was born and raised just outside of Republic, Ohio where the Republic Wind project is proposed. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Valerie Thompson

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 6, 2020
March 21, 2021

Senator Bob Peterson, Chair
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Dear Chairman Peterson,

My name is Zuri Birmingham and I live in Crestline, Ohio. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118, by potentially taking away landowners' ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more than I, as a city resident, do in taxes. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, but I DO support wind energy and would welcome a project to our area. This could only potentially be made possible though if this bill is NOT passed.

I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118.

Respectfully,

Zuri Birmingham

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