

**Testimony of Dawn Hoepf
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In support of HB-118
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of HB-118.

It is hard to believe that at this time an affected community does not have a vote on if an industrial wind farm should be built. If you are for or against, we live in a free country with the right to register and participate in the voting process. We vote for elected officials, local school levies, libraries, emergency medical quads but, not wind farms? If the majority of a community votes and that community would like a wind farm then they have spoken. If a community in a different area the majority does not feel that a wind farm would be positive or even detrimental to their community and vote against the farm then they should not have one. Voting is the only fair way. Do the right thing and allow all of those who live within the area of a proposed wind turbine to vote.

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