

**Testimony of Doug and Mandy Kelley
Seneca County, Ohio
In support of HB-118
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee
March 9, 2021**

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, we write as proponents of HB-118.

We reside in Attica, Ohio, in Seneca County. We live on the edge of town. We chose our property because of the quiet street in which it sits and because of the landscape bordering the back of our home. Our environment is quiet, peaceful, and safe. The proposed industrial wind turbine project endangers the quiet, peaceful, and safe environment.

Through leadership error, our area has been left in a position where these projects can be erected with no local voice from its residents. We are presented with an opportunity to represent the residents of Seneca County by giving them a voice affecting the future of their properties. This needs to happen in the way our democratic nation has established-with a proper majority vote.

In recent years, we voted as a locality on whether we wanted gambling facilities to be permitted in our communities. This is because some residents felt the impact of these businesses could affect the community in a negative way. The issue of these dangerous and disruptive projects is no different. We deserve a voice by vote for what happens in our communities and near our homes.

We have made many decisions for ourselves and our family that affect our safety, well-being, and future value of our homes. Please allow us to have a voice in this decision as well. We were horrified to learn that many local and absentee landowners in our area had signed leases before all the information was released. Many signed without understanding the devastating effects these projects would have on their neighbors. This has resulted in a fractured community, as many of us will be potentially harmed with no local control or regulation to protect us.

We are asking for your help to preserve our homes by passing this bill.

Thank you

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