

**Testimony of Jason and Marsha Bowers
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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, we write as proponents of HB-118.

We urge you to pass this legislation in order to give communities a voice on wind and solar projects.

These projects dramatically change the rural landscape into vast industrial zones, thus lowering property values, which is often one's biggest asset. Citizens work too hard to maintain their homes and property to have them ruined by wind turbines.

These turbines can have a negative impact on the community's safety as well. The turbine manufacturer's own safety manual states people not to be within certain distances of a turbine during fires and storms which is farther than the current setback law from a non-participant property is. In a current time where restrictions have been set in place to protect the population's health it would be contradictory to put them in harm's way of these machines.

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