

Testimony of Jennifer Oney
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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.

I have seen many pictures of these massive turbines on fire and/or collapsed. How can we possibly think it's a good idea to put these turbines so close to homes. The manufacturers won't allow their own employees as close to one of these massive turbines during a fire or when thunderstorms are in the area, as they want to allow them near our homes and our children/grandchildren. How can this be possible? How can it be ok for residents and their children to be in harms way on their own property? A turbine catches fire at least once a week on average in this country. In Ohio thunderstorms are "in the area" a dozen or more times per year.

Why were the citizens, who are going to live closest to these massive turbines, not informed earlier of the size of the turbines and how many they were considering installing sooner? The companies who want to install these projects are not telling the full truth of what this will do to our small town. Citizens are knowingly misled on a regular basis. Why is it up to the Ohio Power Siting Board? Why doesn't the community, who has to live with these turbines and solar fields everyday, get a vote? The current policy, which overrides all local zoning and community planning, is abusive to the citizens of Ohio because these projects are so extremely large. Enough!

No matter whether you are for or against turbines or solar projects, our personal safety should not be threatened by a state regulated project. Please allow us to have a say concerning our families health and safety.

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