

**Testimony of John and Audrey Rose
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 are writing to express our support of local residents having a voice in the matter of solar or wind projects in Ohio. There are several reasons for our concern of having a decision made without the input of the local community.

Safety becomes an issue for residents and also the negative affects with property values. Who better to speak up for the community than the local population? Especially, as these projects often adjoin neighbors who are not in support of the project.

Setback issues continue to be a concern for local residents. If projects are actually passed, they should follow the strictest guidelines for setbacks. Once again, this issue affects the neighbors as well as home owners who support the project. Setback issues are put in place to protect property and people from potential fires, electrical issues with storms, and the malfunctioning of the actual machinery. Allowing all people to vote would be helpful in that each person could voice their opinion. Passing HB 118 would allow residents to express their opinions.

Thank you,

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