

**Testimony of Marc and Ladona Weisenberger
Erie 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 residents of Groton Township just outside of Bellevue.

We moved out to the township to get away from industry that had recently moved into the area. We had the opportunity to purchase and remodel my in-laws house after their passing having enjoyed the more rural atmosphere and setting. Four years ago when we made that decision there was very little public awareness of the wind projects. More public notice is needed and earlier in the process.

Local citizens/residents should have the opportunity to decide projects of this magnitude. These projects change a community forever and in such a big way. A few people on a board should not have the decision making power for thousands of Ohio residents when property values, quality of life, and their safety will be negatively affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our concerns.

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