

Testimony of Mark Weber
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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 live on the farm that I was raised on, as was my father and grandfather. When I first heard about the proposed wind project, my father (may he rest in peace) was opposed. I maintain that viewpoint. I have seen the maps and several of these turbines would be within a half mile of my home. I also read some of the literature from the manufacturers and was surprised to see that the project was placing turbines closer than the manufacturers recommend. All those issues aside, I firmly believe that projects like these should be decided by those most impacted by them. The local residents should definitely have a say in whether they are allowed to go forward.

I am hopeful this bill will pass to allow a local vote when industrial size projects like solar and wind are proposed for an area. The people most affected (health, home, water, safety consequences) should have a say.

I strongly support this legislation.

Respectfully,

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