

Testimony of Wes and Sarah Laipply
Seneca County, Ohio
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.

Passage of HB118 would give us and our neighbors a chance TO approve or reject the Honey Creek Industrial Wind Turbine Project or any other industrial wind or solar project. It is our understanding at this point that we, as residents located in the project's region, do not have a vote on such a plan.

It has come to our attention rather late that an industrial wind turbine project has been planned in our area where we purchased our home 5 years ago. It is unfathomable that a project of this magnitude can progress without the consent and approval of the residents in the geographic of location of such project. Industrial wind and solar projects have a profound impact on the community, the landscape, environment, and our property values.

We do not want to see this industrial wind turbines dot our landscape and devalue our property. The turbine's life expectancy may be 20 years and then will they be removed or linger only to become an eye sore??? Will farmland be returned to a farmable, tillable state??? All these questions impact my property value. We moved to the country for a reason and it wasn't to be in the middle of an industrial wind turbine complex!! What is unbelievable is that we have no say and no vote!!!! Maybe it would pass on a local vote, maybe it would fail, but the decision should not be made by a State agency and a wind developer from out of state.

We are asking that HB118 be moved out of committee to the floor for a vote. Time is of the essence.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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