

Written testimony of Ken Wright concerning House Bill 118:

Dear House Public Utilities Committee:

I am writing to urge your committee NOT to recommend House Bill 118 for consideration by the Ohio House. My name is Ken Wright; I have lived in Ohio for over 35 years and reside in Springdale, Ohio.

I believe this piece of legislation is not helpful to the people of Ohio. It adds another, unnecessary, layer of bureaucracy to the process of approving solar and wind installations in Ohio. This extra process will have the effect of decreasing the amount of solar and wind energy developed in Ohio, at a time when these two sources are the lowest cost sources of electricity! So by passing this legislation you'd be effectively increasing the cost of our electricity. I believe the existing process for vetting power installations is adequate for these two sources and they do not need to be singled out.

In addition, inhibiting the use of solar and wind energy is bad environmental and economic policy. These renewable energy sources would be most likely sited in rural parts of the state where jobs and tax income are especially needed. Our country urgently needs to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide it emits into the atmosphere, so these forms of non-polluting energy should be encouraged, not discouraged.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony to the Committee today.

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