

Written Testimony of Randy Noggle
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SB 52 and HB 118 Opponent Testimony
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
House Public Utilities Committee
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Chairmen and members of the committee, I am writing today to express my concern with SB 52 and HB 118.

My name is Randy Noggle and I am a Benton Township Trustee. The bills being considered today are troubling as they would lead to the end of new wind energy projects coming to our state and violate the property rights of Ohio landowners.

Wind energy has been a great benefit to me and my community and the presence of wind farms has been a positive experience. Landowners like me have benefited from the new revenue source provided by wind energy, but the best benefit has been the new tax revenue generated for my community. Wind energy projects have provided our area with new tax dollars which have allowed us to invest in our community.

Unfortunately, SB 52 and HB 118 would lead to the end of many other landowners and communities benefiting from wind energy. By allowing the decision of whether to place wind turbines on my property up to a vote, many other landowners would be prohibited from enjoying the opportunities that wind energy development provides. The decision to put up wind turbines should be in the hands of individual landowners.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony to the committee today.

Thank you,
Randy Noggle
Benton Township Trustee