

Representative James M. Hoops
Chairman of the House Public Utilities Committee

My name is Dennis Daniel and I reside at 5285 Old Military Rd in rural Willard, Ohio and I am in support of the passage of Senate Bill 52.

The passage of SB 52 is necessary to provide local control to the counties of Ohio pertaining to the construction of industrial wind and solar powered generating facilities. The Exclusion Zones that the bill will provide will help protect certain areas that are not suitable for the development of these type of projects. These areas include residential housing, agriculture lands, sensitive environmental areas and ecosystems, and important cultural assets.

Through the passage of SB 52, Ohio counties will have the local government leverage needed to negotiate in the best interest of it's citizens by having a voice with the Ohio Power Siting Board. Senate Bill 52 needs to be enacted immediately. It is vitally important not to delay passage of the bill. The citizens of Ohio need the protection SB 52 provides due to the large influx of wind and solar projects that are proposed to be constructed in the state. Any delay that would allow these projects to be grandfathered under the old laws would render the new law useless.

Thank you for taking my testimony,
Dennis Daniel