

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, Ranking Member Smith and members of the committee,

I have lived in Shawnee township 57 years, my whole life. I have had many opportunities to leave the area but stayed because of the managed mixture of industry, commercial, agriculture and residential areas. Shawnee township has done a great job through zoning of ensuring this mixture and created an environment that respects all property rights. This environment has enabled Shawnee local schools to be rated one of the top schools year after year. These are reasons why I'm puzzled as to how a company like Light Source BP can take advantage of the current flawed OPSB process and with no say from the township or it's residents can change this structure and our lives. The bottom line is Light Source BP is looking at the profit they can pull out of the area. Based on the mistruths we have been told they have left us with the feeling that they do not care about how this will affect our lives but more about the money they can pull from here. Why do area residents not get a say in this? Light Source BP does not have our best interest in mind.

As fiscal officer for Shawnee Township I would very much like the additional revenue, however as a local citizen I have many concerns of the unknown. My father still lives on Bowsher road in the heart of the planned solar industrial park. I was raised on Bowsher road and currently live within a mile of this area. There are no studies of the health effects of a park this size in such a populated area. Why is Shawnee township the experiment? Why do we not have a say in this?

I know many of the land owners who want to lease their land. I know they are good people and I consider some of them friends. I am disappointed that they have made this decision. They do have property rights but so does everyone else. Zoning laws were established to protect everyone's property rights. How is it even considered common sense that the local elected officials have no say in this decision. Light Source BP will quote studies that property values will not decrease and local residents approve of the projects. Yet when you research the studies, you discover the projects are not located near a residential area this size or the local residents are in fact the people leasing the land. These are just more mistruths we are being told. This is not right by any means.

Light Source BP is able to take advantage of this opportunity because Ohio does not afford local citizens a voice in this process. SB 52 helps fix this issue.

Please pass SB52 ASPA to correct this wrong.

Thank you for your time

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