

Dear Senators,

We need SB52 to help protect the rights of mothers and families at determining what will be constructed near and around citizens homes. The wind and solar projects are currently planning a massive change in the landscape of Ohio, taking away the natural landscape that our children enjoy and, as seen in research, even helps them cope with stress. If citizens do not participate in the decision-making for projects, which is how all other decisions are made in communities, big business and people who want to profit will continue to put large metal poles (windmills) and massive walls of panels all around rural neighborhoods which will greatly reduce the natural serenity of rural life. Eventually, rural communities will be littered with metal industrial structures and the citizens of these communities will have to visit state and national parks to gain benefits from nature; therefore creating the same problem urban citizens face. Rural citizens, like myself, need to participate in the decisions about what structures are around their communities: SB52 will allow people living in the projected areas to participate. As a mother and citizen of Ohio for all my life, I am asking you to push this bill through to allow me and all the other rural citizens to participate in the decision making process. Please, don't fall in the big business trap that money is more important than preserving natural landscapes and the natural environments that have made America great. All urban projects are now trying to work nature back into their environments. We do not want our rural communities to face the same problems—your bill will help protect us from this problem.

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