

Testimony of Jim Hoffert
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In support of SB-52
Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, ranking member Williams, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of SB-52.

I own land in the Seneca Wind project and, in order to help a family member, signed a good neighbor agreement. I realized later that many of my neighbors had no knowledge of the project until much later in the process.

Everyone in my community would see the turbines, hear the turbines, and live with the turbines. Not for one hour, not for one day, not for one month, but for 30 years or more. Plus for many the inconvenience of moving out of our homes to remain safe during every major storm according to the turbine's manual. For me and many others in my community it would affect us for the rest of our lives.

That is why it should be up to a local vote of the people who will live in these projects, not only outsiders who would not have to live with the effects and the small handful of local leaseholders who would benefit financially.

When I signed the good neighbor agreement I did not realize that my actions would impact not only the family member I wished to help but every other resident living in this area. Please support these bills and let the local people have the final say.

Thank you.

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