

Testimony of Patricia A Heuring Zerman
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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 ask that you please consider the potential ramifications of your decision.

This bill could give the voting power back to the people of local townships, where the power should be. Everyone's land, situation and circumstances are different. Who would know better than the residents who live there, what's best for their land? It is imperative that the decisions for these projects be in the hands of the local land owners who know from experience what is best for them and their families. Everyone deserves to have a voice by vote in their own future, especially when the decision has the long lasting and community wide effects associated with large scale industrial wind and solar projects.

Please require the setbacks of these industrial turbines to at least be as much as required by their manufacturer's safety manuals for the safety of workers. What the manufacturers consider as safe in case of fires or thunderstorms should be the minimum required by our laws. When big businesses move in without regard for people's health or safety, we need to have the determining voice. Our families' lives are at risk!

Also, consider the devastation not only to land owners, but the tax income for the effected counties caused by the devaluation of property values and the equity in owner's homes. Some of us, as property owners, have been in our homes our whole lives. All of us deserve the right to protect our lifelong investment.

Please cast your vote to give us our vote and help us protect our families.

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