

My name is Barbara Davidson. I am a life-long Ohio resident and voter, and am writing at this time to let you know that I firmly oppose passage and implementation of SB 52.

SB 52 would create a last-minute opportunity for green energy project opponents whose arguments failed during the already rigorous OPSB process to impede implementation of these new projects. This kind of unique and totally unnecessary scrutiny is being sold by proponents as a step forward for "local control." However, in practice, since there is already an extensive process in place which includes many opportunities for local interests to be heard and no energy projects other than those that are green-based are included in this proposed scrutiny, implementation would only serve to undermine Ohio's future economic development and the clean energy future that a majority of Ohioans want to see.

SB52 is not at all about local control; it is 100% about imposing obstacles to clean energy development in Ohio. This idea makes no sense for our economy, our workers, Ohio families, or our air quality because it ignores the fact that Ohio citizens, like those all over the United States, are demanding renewables at all-time high levels. I fear that the kind of thinking seen in SB52 is exactly what will force my grandchildren and others of their generation to leave Ohio for other states that recognize the value of moving beyond the sole use of fossil fuels.

A completed witness information form is included with this e-mail message.

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