

I hope you will stand in opposition to Senate Bill 52, as it would be detrimental for the future of renewable energy in Ohio. This bill would subject the generation of renewable energy to a type of approval no other energy generation requires. Having a robust review process already in place for state approval, adding township approval places an unnecessary burden on the future of developing renewable projects as well as those already in development, and set a troubling precedent for future development projects. We know that we need to take every action possible to reduce fossil fuel emissions and one way we can make a great impact is diversification of energy sources. With Ohio standing as the 6th largest carbon emitter in the country, we need to be accountable and take actions to rectify this. Allowing businesses and residents the choice to opt into renewables allows choice, control over costs and energy futures, as well as economic opportunity. Senate Bill 52 would artificially control the energy supply, driving up costs and stand in the way of creating green jobs in Ohio. This proposed legislation is bad for consumers, economic development, the environment and Ohio.

Thank you,
Danielle Johnson