

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 52
Opposition Testimony
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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, and Ranking Member Williams and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 52. I am Nicholas Dailey and I am a farmer, township trustee, and a landowner in a solar project.

I farm corn and beans in Highland, Brown, Clermont, and Adams Counties on over 3,000 acres with my dad. I am a 3rd generation farmer and love to farm. I am proud that my children share the passion, and they show hogs at the Brown County Fair.

I am very involved with Farm Bureau, serving on the state young ag professional committee and was the recipient of the 2015 young farmer of the year award.

I come at solar from a few different perspectives. I know that we need more electricity on the grid and more and more, the demand is for renewable energy. The best place to do this is where there is transmission and on flat, open land. We welcome the opportunity to be a part of the changing energy landscape.

Another important aspect of solar is the significant revenue to our local schools. My mom and wife are employed in the schools and my children are still in the system. We don't have a whole lot of taxing entities in rural Ohio, and it feels good to know that my land will help support the schools and local government.

Solar farming is good income for farmers and helps to diversity our business. It feels like this bill is just really trying to stop good things from happening in rural Ohio. I hope that members of the legislature will oppose Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118 and allow farmers to harness the energy from the sun to help our communities and our families.