

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52

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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and

members of the Committee. My name is David Vogelsong and I reside in Defiance County. I serve as the Township Zoning Engineer for Richland Township. I am submitting my written testimony in support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share why I support the passage of this proposed legislation.

I believe that the local elected officials should be able to control what is developed in the local community. Our township trustees represent our community and they can best decide what will benefit our community or negatively impact our community. Solar and wind companies should have some regulation when they develop renewable energy projects. The local township should have control to set up energy districts if they choose to allow these developers to build projects in the communities. The township trustees represent the people of the local community and they best know what is beneficial or harmful to our community. Please pass Substitute Senate Bill 52 and bring the control to the local officials. They can best decide what is right for the local community and how to set up districts for these companies to put the least burden on residents of the community. Thank you.