

Dear Chairman Peterson and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

I am Dominic J. Miller, I live at 1582 St. Rt. 4, Bellevue, Huron County, Sherman Twp., Ohio. I live in the footprint of the proposed Emerson Creek Wind Project. I am writing this in support of Senate Sub SB 52.

Here in Huron, Seneca, Erie, Sandusky, and Crawford counties we currently have SIX Industrial Wind Turbine projects in various stages of development. They are Emerson Creek Wind, Emerson Creek West, Greenwich Wind Park, Republic Wind, Buck Springs Wind, and Honey Creek Wind. Now there are also the Wheatsborough Solar Project in Erie County and another proposed solar farm in Cranberry Twp. in Crawford County. If all these projects get approved and built, we will have well in excess of 300, 490 to 657-foot-tall (or taller) Industrial Wind Turbines and two solar projects mixed in for good measure in our rural farm communities, successfully transforming our tranquil, scenic landscape into a sprawling Industrial Zone, twice the size of Columbus, that will NEVER be the same again. Beautiful sunsets will be obstructed forever. The night sky will be blinking red lights instead of stars.

I have lived at my current residence for 40 years with my wife, Diane. We have raised 2 sons, who are married and have moved on, but still live in the area. We have built our property from the ground up on my wife's family farm and are very proud to call this HOME. I have just retired and plan to enjoy our property. There won't be much to enjoy if these projects get built with Turbines flickering, blinking, and making noise. The quality of life as we know it will never be the same. We sure didn't ever intend to move; this is our home. We love it here. We also cannot afford to lose the equity we have built up in our property at this point in our lives. Just answer these questions: If **YOUR** home was surrounded by 657-foot-tall Turbines just some 1400 feet from your property line, or surrounded by solar panels, would **YOUR** home be worth the same as it is today???? Would **YOU** still want to live there???? Would **YOUR** children or grandchildren be safe playing in the yard???? Be honest. This is just plain common sense.

The local vote proposed by this bill would to be our only chance to stop these projects. Every card in the deck is stacked against us. I have been personally involved and provided testimony to the OPSB in opposition to the Seneca Wind, Republic Wind and the Emerson Creek Wind projects. There is new evidence worldwide every day on all the health issues created by Industrial Wind Turbines and Solar Panels. No one seems to listen to the residents' concerns who will have to live with the decision of the seven members of the OPSB. The OPSB only appears to have one rubber stamp for all wind projects so far, and that is a big "YES". Solar is not any different. I have listened to several OPSB meetings where they have approved several Solar projects in less than five minutes each with NO discussion and never a single no vote.

Big Wind, Solar and their lobbyists have infiltrated and bought off every level of the Governments all over the world to promote this giant scam. Sherman Township, where I live, has two of the three Trustees who have been signed up, one as a lease holder and one as a "Good Neighbor". The third trustee's Mother, Father and Sister are all lease holders. This leaves

us with no local intervention in the Emerson Creek Wind Project. This seems to be another Big Wind tactic, get as many local officials on board before the public even knows that there is a project, so they can not object to anything. My Trustees have been advised by the Huron County Prosecutor that they cannot vote on or even discuss anything to do with this Project. I am 100 percent certain that our Trustees now regret signing these leases because they fear that the Township roads will be destroyed if this Project gets built and they cannot do a thing about it. According to Apex's estimates, Sherman Township will receive approximately \$30,000 per year for the life of the project. It costs approximately \$80,000 to repave one mile of a one lane road. The Trustees do not believe for a second that the Wind Company will correctly repair all the roads that will be destroyed so they last past the one-year window that is promised. Our Township has very little income now, but they realize that the promised \$30,000 per year is a drop in the bucket for the long-term damage that will be caused. This will not bode well on their reputation as very good Trustees in the past. This is a very good example of why I oppose including any input from the Trustees in the process of the Referendum. We have other local residents that had signed leases approximately ten years ago when the Wind Developers signed up these leases, promising them, 200-foot-tall turbines, lots of money, and that it will probably never happen, just sign here, your neighbor did, and get free money. There have been many who have since become educated and have regretted signing and cannot get out of their leases, and not for the lack of trying. If we can get a local vote, this will give all these individuals, who have had a change of heart, a voice that the wind companies cannot stop because of a gag order in their leases.

PLEASE support this bill for us to have a chance to stop the ruination of our beautiful area. Please take a moment to put yourself in our shoes, would you have these 675-foot-tall Industrial Wind Turbines or Solar Panels built around **your** homes, around **your** families, based on a small percentage of land owners getting paid to love them and the decision of the OPSB? We have had to raise thousands of dollars to pay lawyers' fees and spend countless hours away from our jobs and families trying to fight multi-million-dollar companies at the OPSB hearings, who are not even from Ohio and who could care less about the people that live here. They are only here for one thing, **THE STIMULOUS MONEY!!** I firmly believe that there are two categories of people who support Green Energy. The first are those who are paid by or are making money from Green Energy lobbyists or leases. The second are those who choose not to get educated on all the negatives of Green Energy. If you do not support this bill, which category do you fit into? Currently our only voice is a one-time Public Hearing with the OPSB or writing a public comment that no one knows if it is ever read or if any comment actually means anything. We desperately need to have this one chance to have a voice that actually counts. OUR voice, the people who live in the project area, not someone with an office in Columbus, who will never see these projects unless they are going to Lake Erie or Cedar Point. If a majority of the residents in the Township votes for the Project, then we know that the majority of the Township residents actually want to live in a sprawling Industrial Zone. If this bill passes, this

would give residents the one single most important vote these people in their Township would EVER cast in their lifetime. Isn't that the way a Democracy is supposed to work?

You may think that this is the typical NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) excuse. It very well may be, BUT what if this was indeed in YOUR backyard. Think long and hard about that before you cast your vote. Please vote in favor of Senate Sub SB 52.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Dominic J. Miller