

Seneca County, Ohio  
In support of Substitute SB52  
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee  
May 17, 2021

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Minority Member Williams, and members of the committee:

I support Substitute SB52, giving local residents a vote to allow or disallow utility/industrial scale facilities that will greatly impact their way of living. I have lived in my rural residential home for 43 years. I reside between two proposed industrial scale wind turbine projects: Republic Wind and Emerson Creek, with several turbines located between 1/4 -1/2 mile from my home. The inception of the proposed wind projects was not common knowledge in my rural community. State regulated boards, project developers and project lease holders, including many absentee land owners, should not be permitted to make consequential decisions for rural communities and their chosen way of life. Please vote in support of Substitute SB52 to allow residents a say as to whether a project is a good "fit" for their community.

Really listen to all residents involved. I am optimistic of the passage of this bill allowing a local vote to make decisions in matters that significantly affect them.

Respectfully,  
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