

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52

Scott Hall (Defiance County)

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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee. My name is Scott Hall and I am a resident of Defiance County. I am submitting my written testimony in support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share my reasons why I support the passage of this bill.

I am supporting Sub. Senate Bill 52 because I believe that the local elected officials, like our township trustees, should be able to best represent our community to say whether or not solar and wind renewable developers can come into our communities and if so, where they are allowed to develop their projects. Ohio is currently one of the most unregulated states in this area. The local officials best know the community and how a project would affect either positively or negatively the residents and community.

Currently, our community is at risk of being negatively affected by a proposed 700+ acre solar development. It is one of two projects being proposed in our county. This particular project being proposed by a company called Candela Renewables of California will be directly across from my home, which my father and I built. We are very concerned with this proposed project. We are concerned for our community in which we live. This project is located closely to many residences. We are concerned for the health and well being of our family, especially my wife who is a cancer survivor. We are concerned for the EMF that we will be exposed to on a daily basis as exposure to EMF has been linked to cancer, autism and mental health issues. We, the local community, should have the opportunity to say if and where these developers can bring these projects. Our townships should be able to allow or deny these developers just like any other construction, business,

etc. Please pass Sub. SB 52 and bring land use control back to the Townships because we can best regulate what is good and right for our communities. Thank You.