



October 10, 2017

Honorable Troy Balderson  
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Chairman Balderson and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, on behalf of Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon"), I urge you to support Senate Bill 188, which would reset the state's wind turbine setback rules to encourage safety, respect private property rights, and foster investment in wind energy in Ohio. Amazon supports the common-sense approach taken in SB 188 to establish appropriate wind turbine setback standards statewide.

An affiliate of Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon, has entered into agreements to support the construction of two utility-scale wind power projects in Ohio: a 100 megawatt wind farm in Paulding County and a 189 megawatt wind farm in Hardin County. These projects are part of an overall commitment by AWS to achieve 100 percent renewable energy power for the AWS infrastructure footprint over the long-term. We are committed to this effort and eager to meet this goal as quickly as possible.

AWS can achieve these goals only if we have access to a renewable energy market that is robust, reliable, and cost competitive. However, current state law severely limits the options for additional renewable energy development, especially wind energy. SB 188 would change the law to help foster more investment in developing wind energy resources and position Ohio for the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Therefore, we urge you to support SB 188.

Please contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Braden Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Braden" and last name "Cox" clearly distinguishable.

Braden Cox  
Director, State, Local, and Economic Development Public Policy