TESTIMONY of DONALD ROEDINGER

VAN WERT COUNTY
IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, I am against the proposed reduction of the property line setbacks for industrial wind turbines and their measurement from my home.

Senate Bill 114 would take away my property rights. It would not allow me to make improvements on that area where wind energy companies would trespass upon my property.

In 1973, we purchased our farm. We have paid for that farm, paid taxes for 45 years, raised our four children, made many improvements on land and buildings, We built a new home, machine shed, tiled our land, putting thousands and thousands of dollars into those improvements. We do not want to lose our property values or our property rights.

Our township is designated agricultural and residential. On the east-west road we live on in an eight-mile stretch there are over 32 families who live in homes which would be negatively affected by this bill. Only two of these have leased property to wind companies.

The turbines proposed for our area are much taller, about 660 feet. By lowering setback requirements and setting them to a home's foundation you are encroaching upon our property rights. Setbacks are being lengthened everywhere for health and safety reasons, Ohio should do the same.

If you allow trespass zoning, you are cracking open a door that will lead to other encroachments in private as well as business and industrial sectors mocking our zoning laws and property rights. Do not lower these setbacks, increase them from industrial wind turbines. Industrial wind turbines should not be placed near highly populated rural areas.