TESTIMONY OF NANCY WEBB Champaign County IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, I am opposed to any revision of the setbacks for industrial wind turbines that would measure the distance from my home rather than my property line. I also object to any proposed reduction of the current 1,125-foot setback from property lines.

Five years ago, I moved to Champaign County because I wanted to live in beautiful rural Ohio and combine small town living with a little farm close to the Ohio Scenic Byways. My family and I searched a very long time looking for the perfect scenic area. We found our home in Wayne Township's little town of Cable.

Little did we know that we were moving into the middle of a ten-year battle over 500+ foot wind turbines possibly moving into Champaign County's landscape. Although my property is not adjacent to a landowner who has no shame in having these monstrosities, I will be affected in my daily living and travels with them in my view causing light flicker and ruining the beauty of our sunsets.

They will cause stress to landowners having to amend their roadside landscaping in order to make room to move the turbines into position and everyone will have to contend with the hum of dirty electricity to run the turbine generators. Worse yet is the fact that neighbors will lose the rights of their property because of the setbacks that are being requested.

How can a privately-owned company make deals with several farmers and in doing so, completely run over the neighbors affected? How can this be legal? I care about my land and home values. What will happen to them? I built a barn when I moved here and was under strict guidelines that I had to adhere to because of zoning and building codes so as not to bring down my neighbors' home values. My neighbors can't even see my barn. I urge you to preserve the current property line setbacks and consider giving back the right to zone turbines in my township. Thank you.

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