

Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
House Bill 401  
Proponent Testimony  
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Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson and Members of the Committee, please return local control for wind projects by supporting House Bill 401 (Reineke Referendum).

The civility of my community has been severely impacted by the introduction of the wind projects. Neighbors are pitted against neighbors. Families are split over the issue.

I have joined others in asking that the issue be left to the community to decide. The current siting process in Ohio favors the wind companies at the expense of the host community. These companies are only seeking to make a profit. The companies argue the payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) program is local control, however, repeatedly companies continue to force their projects on communities even when no PILOT exists or has been rejected.

The PILOT program is NOT local control. It is time for real local control by allowing every member of a community to express their approval or disapproval of an industrial wind project by having a vote.

Please support House Bill 401.

Thank you,

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