

December 3, 2019

Representative Nino Vitale, Chair
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Vitale,

My name is Diane Swartzmiller and I am a rural resident in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401. My husband is a full-time farmer and we have lived on our farm for our whole lives and future generations plan on living here as well.

With steady falling grain prices, my family needs to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on our property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. It would be such a relief to know that our children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what my family does with OUR land, would completely limit our rights to our land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of OUR farm land in the hands of other locals and that is absolutely infuriating.

Other residents would say that my family is only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of our farm land. Our land is a valuable resource and we will do everything in our power to make sure it stays in our family's name.

Respectfully,

Diane Swartzmiller

cc: Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Representative Bill Reineke