

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 Deb Fritz and I live in rural Huron County, Ohio with property within the proposed Emerson Wind Farm and I am opposed to House Bill 401. I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, Patrick and myself.

House Bill 401 includes a referendum on wind energy projects after they receive a permit from the state. I find this amendment to be an attack on property rights and an attack on businesses investing in the state.

Participation in these wind projects is a choice, one that many in my community have made. Whether folks are choosing to participate as a source of income, to see the state move forward to more renewable energy sources, or for any other reasons, this is a choice for the landowner and the landowner alone to make. A referendum process like the one proposed strips away that choice from landowners such as myself and gives the township control over what I do with my land. This takes away my property rights and the other participating landowners' property rights.

This bill should not become law, and I encourage you to vote against this bill. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Deb Fritz

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