

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 Kathy Smith and I live in rural Seneca County. I'm proud of our area's heritage. But, as you know, it's a tough time for agriculture and House Bill 401, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said this is about local control. It isn't. It's about letting the mob tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. My family and I work hard. All we're asking is for the government to get out of the way and allow us to be productive on our land.

I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I'm here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

Please stand with us and vote no on House Bill 401.

Respectfully,

Kathy Smith

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