

January 9, 2020

Dear Ohio Senator,

I am writing this letter asking for your support of SB234.

My husband and I both grew up in Seneca County Ohio. We purchased 35 acres of land in 2003 in a rural part of the county so that we could enjoy our space. We built our home and have planted thousands of trees and dedicated 20 acres of our tillable acreage to various conservation practices.

We love the wildlife and peacefulness of living on a one lane road that is so quiet you can literally hear it snowing. In March of 2018, we received a letter informing us that the Seneca Wind turbine project was coming to our area. We had absolutely no prior warning of the invasion that was about to take over our lives.

In the past 18 months we have spent endless hours educating ourselves on this subject and we now know that we will be surrounded by 18 turbines that are 584 feet tall within a 1.5 mile radius of our home and we will bear the burden of living with shadow flicker, excessive noise levels, infrasound, decreased property values, harm to our eagles, and scarring of our rural landscapes.

Given the impact that wind turbine projects have on individual property owners, I strongly feel that those residents directly affected should have the opportunity for a referendum. Having the right to vote is at the heart of our constitutional rights and is the basis of our governmental principals.

I personally invite you to visit Seneca County and meet the people who will be directly affected by your decisions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janeen Smith".

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