

Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns of wind turbines in our area. The staggering height alone is enough of a negative, but all the other issues/concerns that are the result of the enormous wind turbines are unfair to the people who live near by.

The wind turbines cause home/property devaluation and is very unlikely for anyone to purchase property near these turbines. I would not even consider a purchase! Many reasons cause major concern not limited to the noise, shadow flicker, health issues, and interruption of good water supply through local wells.

Please accept my support of HB 234. Allow our people to vote on this controversial issue,

Thank you,

Michael S. Dendinger

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January 16, 2020

Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:34 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to ask you to support SB234 allowing local voters in individual townships a true vote on industrial wind turbine projects which have been approved by the Ohio Power Sitting Board for our townships. Currently there is no vote allowed by Ohio law. If enacted into law as it is currently written, these bills would also regulate distance setbacks of wind turbines to property lines to conform to the turbine manufacturer's recommended distance. Currently the manufacturer's recommended distance is several hundred feet farther than Ohio law permits.

Having gone to open meetings and listened to the debates, pro and con, I have been doing some research on my own. I have come to the conclusion that there is a very strong possibility that this project will destroy our roads, become an eye sore, devalue our property, incur health issues with the flicker affect and noise potential. There are also wildlife and environmental concerns.

Before you allow Big Business to take over our neighborhoods and comfort and health issues please ask yourself if this were your parents, grandparents, children, would you tell them too bad you have no say in any of this that may affect you.

I ask that you think of our rights and future and support SB234.

Thank you,



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January 15, 2019

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 8:15 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to request you to support SB234 allowing local voters in individual townships a true vote on industrial wind turbine projects which have been approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board for our townships. Currently, there is no local vote allowed by Ohio law. If enacted into law as it is currently written, these bills would also regulate distance setbacks of wind turbines to property lines to conform to the turbine manufacturer's recommended distance. Currently the manufacturer's recommended distance is several hundred feet farther than Ohio law permits.

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My concern is that these wind turbines have the potential to destroy our roads, our beautiful country landscapes thus possibly ruining our property values. It also appears there are potential flicker and noise issues creating possible health concerns for those within a close proximity to these turbines. There are also wildlife issues both in harm to them and/or their habitat.

Please strongly consider supporting SB234.

Thank you,



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Senator Steve Wilson, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Hello, my name is Deb Frankart. I am a resident of Seneca County Ohio. I want to show my support for SB234. This bill is very important to myself and thousands of Ohioans. The development of very large industrial wind turbine projects within our community without our say, or vote is absolute nonsense. There are as many as six turbine projects staring us in the face at the moment and we have no local control.

Many citizens in Seneca county have dug deep into our savings accounts to hire attorneys to try to defend our peaceful and beautiful community. Proposed wind development in our community has already divided friends, neighbors, and families. Without this legislation will leave communities without a voice. We vote on local schools, fire departments and many other issues. We absolutely should be able to have a local vote on Industrial turbine projects, which will change our lives forever if constructed. The current wind turbine siting process is flawed, unjust and abusive to the innocent people that may live within or near the project. The Ohio Power Siting Board people are not elected officials they are appointed. They should not decide how we should live in our local community, we should decide!

SB234 is great legislation. It ensures folks will have a voice whether opposed or in favor of these projects. I urge you to support SB234 which will ensure Ohioans a voice now and for future generations. The passage of this bill will prove that the great state of Ohio treats it citizens with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Thank you

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January 20, 2020
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Senator Steve Wilson, Chairman
Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Columbus, OH

Dear Senator Wilson,

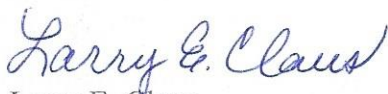
Thank you for introducing SB 234 and all your efforts and work concerning it. I am writing to you in support of SB 234. I feel it should be our right to vote at the local township level on items that affect our property uses and rights, and not determined solely by some agency distantly located in Columbus.

As a bit of background, I offer the following information regarding Sherman Township, Huron County where I grew up and have co-owned a farm since 1958. Back in the 1950s, my father was a Sherman Township trustee. A lot of study, discussion and time went in to coming up with local zoning laws which were voted on by local township citizens. These were approved and passed by local citizens, and over the years modified to include regulations for wind turbines. Then the state, through the OPSB, took away our local zoning rights about industrial wind turbines, etc. WITHOUT our input. I actually feel this was a violation of my property rights. I also strongly feel that NO ONE should control and be able to determine property rights and uses other than the local people who live on and/or own the land.

In addition, it is my understanding that this bill will establish setback distances more consistent with each turbine manufacturer's own safety regulations. As I understand, APEX has refused to disclose each manufacturer's own recommendations; but despite APEX's efforts to preserve such secrecy, such information has been found. Current setback distances are considerably less than employees are instructed to stay away from turbines during certain disturbances. Why should turbines be allowed to be built at such lesser distances from adjacent property owners? I therefore support and encourage passage of SB 234, including not only local voting rights but also safe setback distances as determined by the turbine manufacturers.

In conclusion, I would like to state that I am not opposed to any renewable energy source. There are proper places for such, and there are locations that are inappropriate for various reasons. I contend that the local citizenry would know what would best benefit their township and should have the right to vote and make the ultimate decision. Therefore I strongly support SB234 and encourage its passing.

Sincerely,



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