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Senator Steve Willson, Chairman, Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, my husband and I are writing you urging your support of SB 234. We are residents of Seneca County and we wanted to provide you with our letter of support for SB 234.

SB 234 is desperately needed to give people in affected Townships the right to have a voice by way of a local vote in the complete transformation of their community from residential/agriculture to heavy industrial. These wind projects will completely change our area forever and currently without spending large amounts of money we do not have a formal seat at the table to discuss the projects merits. The Ohio Power Siting Board process is not adequate because of its lack of connection to communities like ours. They do not have their fingers on the pulse to understand what plans and directions we have for our area. The OPSB also does not consider the cumulative impact of multiple projects in an area. Currently our area has SIX projects that are in some stage of development. If even a half of these projects are built our area will be completely transformed. SB 234 ensures that a community has a formal seat in this development and would ensure wind turbine development to occur in areas that it fits best in. Areas such as Paulding County would most likely never even use the referendum option that this legislation affords because of the support that area has for these projects.

While in Seneca County where the overwhelming majority is in opposition people would have a voice at the ballot box. America is great and so are its core principles. Private property rights should be protected for everyone and SB 234 ensures just that.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve and Karen Aichholz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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