Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, members of the committee: my name is Mary Musko and I’m here to express my opposition to Senate Bill 234. This bill is an attack on private property rights and a threat to businesses investing in the state.

Participation in these wind projects is a choice, one that many folks like myself across Ohio 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 and gives the township control over what folks do with their own land.

Essentially, this allows people’s neighbors to have veto power over development on their property. What will be next? Neighbors being allowed to veto a new hog barn, silo, garage, or house?

I strongly encourage you to stand with landowners and oppose this threat to property rights and businesses looking to invest in Ohio. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Mary Musko