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Re: opponent testimony on SB 234  
Libby Hildebrandt  
Senior Legislative Aide  
Senator Steve Wilson  
Chair, Energy & Public Utilities Committee

Dear Committee members,

I am opposed to Ohio Senate Bill 234.

This is fundamentally unnecessary, and excessive legislation. New wind energy development is already subject to multiple layers of regulation, including Ohio's unusually restrictive setback law, and review by the Power Siting Board.

Further burdening property owners who wish to welcome clean energy investment to Ohio is the wrong direction for our state's laws and its economy.

Ohio's already fossil-fuel-biased regulatory environment is marooning our state's energy sector in the past, when we should be encouraging clean energy investment, not only for the good of the energy sector but for the larger economy.

President of the Business Forward Foundation Jim Doyle recently sounded the alarm, on the pressures which climate change is placing upon Ohio's businesses. Without action on climate change, Doyle warned, some Ohio companies could go out of business.

I respectfully ask that your committee reject SB 234, and make every effort to position Ohio as a leader in clean energy, rather than a backwater.

Sincerely,

Matt Kuhns