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Respectfully,

Beth Yingling

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 7, 2020

Senator Steve Wilson, Chair

Energy and Public Utilities Committee

The Ohio Senate

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Betsy Miller and I live in rural Seneca County. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and House Bill 401, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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I know you have a tough and thankless job and I thank you for your service. I know you have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I’m here to tell you that allowing farmers to harvest the wind is good for farmers, farm communities, and our entire state.

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Respectfully,

Betsy Miller

cc: Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Representative Bill Reineke

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Brian Stickel

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Respectfully,

Brittany Farmer

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 6, 2020

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Brooke Stockmeister and I live in rural Seneca County. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Brooke Stockmeister

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 7, 2020

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hi, my name is Bryan Baccaire and I live in Copley, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Chelsea Shepherd

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Cheyenne Taylor and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Chris Schaeffer

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Carlos Ousley

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Our area has a strong heritage of which I am very proud. As you know, it is a tough time for agriculture, I am a certified Master Gardener and am aware of the work that our Extension agents do.

Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

Some legislators have said that this is about local control. It is not. It is about letting the average citizen, many times unfamiliar with wind and local property issues, tell farmers what they can and cannot do on their own land. Farming families work hard and pay much more than I, as a city resident, do in taxes. There is not a proposed wind farm close to where I reside, however, I do support wind energy and would welcome a project in our county. This could only potentially be made possible though, if this bill is NOT passed.

I recognize that your job is a delicate balancing act. You probably have the best interest of Ohio at heart. I am appealing to you to think of the future, for your children, grandchildren and beyond, who must deal with the effects of a changing climate. Wind energy can be one answer to reducing our carbon footprint. Farmers are in a unique situation to provide energy generated by the wind on their farms. Let farmers decide how they can earn money, boost the local economy, and benefit Ohio.

Please stand with us. Vote NO on Senate Bill 234.

Respectfully,

Christine Martin

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Cody McClain

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Constance Sporing

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Darylene Dunn and I live in rural Seneca County. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Davey Hipp

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My name is Denny Smith and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I am the 5th generation to farm on my family’s land and I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Devin Knutson

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Dustin Hendrix and I live outside of Holmesville, Ohio. My father-in-law is a 5th generation farmer and I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Emily Stelhorn and I live in Sandusky, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Felix Maladanado

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

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Jared Rogers

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

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Julie Brooks

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Respectfully,

Kassie Mason

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 6, 2020

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Kathy Knutson

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Kayla Gretzinger and I live in Carey, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Kayla Gretzinger

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Kelly Smith and I live in Ashland, Ohio. I am the wife of a 6th generation farmer and I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Kelly Smith

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Kris Dunn and I’m an Ohio landowner. I’m writing today to ask you to oppose Senate Bill 234.

Upon approval, the turbines will allow for our roads to not only be improved but they will be entirely replaced and left better than they are currently. Funding for roads and other road improvements is important for our community, and we as residents always hear about how there isn’t enough funding for roads. Wind energy development leads to road improvements and repairs.

These improvements would not be possible if wind energy in Ohio is derailed by Senate Bill 234. This bill would likely make all efforts and aspects of wind turbine projects come to an absolute halt due to the referendum placing complete control of the wind turbines in the hands of the township. As a landowner, it is important that I retain my property rights and the use of my property is not determined by the rest of my township.

I hope you would take this into account and vote no on Senate Bill 234.

Respectfully,

Kris Dunn

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Kurt Dunn and I am a full-time farmer in Seneca County. I have lived on my farm for my whole life and future generations plan on living here as well. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 234.

With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. This is especially pressing this year with the rain making planting season a disaster and threatening the income of all the farmers in the area. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to diversify our income. It would be such a relief to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

Senate Bill 234 would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put complete control of MY farm land in the hands of my township and other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. If this bill passes, will all the decisions on how to use my land be made by my township and neighbors? Will a hog barn have to go up to a township referendum? Will a grain bin? I should have control over how my land is best used, not my township.

Other residents would say that I am only in support of this project, as well as wind energy as a whole, because of the money; however, that is not the case at all. The most attractive aspect of this project is that it will ensure the sustainability of my farm land. My land is a valuable resource and I will do everything in my power to make sure it stays in my family’s name.

Please stand with us and vote no on Senate Bill 234.

Respectfully,

Kurt Dunn

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Kyle Dunn and I live in Seneca County. I’m writing to ask you to do everything in your power to oppose Senate Bill 234.

This bill is a threat to property rights and our rural way of life. If farmers can’t be productive on their land, how are we supposed to make a living? This opportunity to farm the wind is a win for everyone in our community. It will bring in money, jobs, much needed improvements to our roads, and many other benefits.

In addition to taking away community benefits, Senate Bill 234 would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of MY farm land in the hands of my township and other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. If this bill passes, will all the decisions on how to use my land be made by my township and neighbors? Will a hog barn have to go up to a township referendum? Will a grain bin? I should have control over how my land is best used, not my township.

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Respectfully,

Kyndall Hellyer

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Lisa Hendrix and I live outside of Holmesville, Ohio. I am the daughter of a 5th generation farmer and I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Lisa Hendrix

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Logan West-Holmes

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

I’m writing you today to express my strong 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 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,

Alex Hall

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 7, 2020

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hi, my name is Mark Weiland and I live in Lakewood, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Matthew Fagan

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hi, my name is Melissa Baccaire and I live in Copley, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Miles Hill

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Molly Cleveland and I live in rural Seneca County. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away our ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Molly Cleveland



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Nathan Schaeper

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Nicole Light and I live in Sandusky, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Respectfully,

Patrick Ryall

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Phil Dunn and I’m an Ohio farmer. I, like thousands of farmers across our great state, work hard to make a living on my land. My land is my living, it’s my retirement, and it’s what I’ll pass on to my kids and their kids. Which is why it made me absolutely livid to hear about Senate Bill 234.

Let’s be very clear: this bill has nothing to do with local control. It has everything to do with taking away my rights in order for legislators to win votes.

Playing politics with my farm is outrageous and an insult to Ohioans and our proud agricultural heritage. You folks have no problem sending me a gigantic property tax bill… but then when I want to produce wind energy so I can afford your taxes, you do everything in your power to stop it.

As a landowner, I ought to have the right to decide what I’ll do on my land, NOT my neighbors. Letting my neighbors run my farm would be like letting Michigan run Ohio… and we all know how bad that would be. Just let farmers farm—including the wind—so they can preserve our agricultural heritage.

I hope you’ll stand with farmers and oppose Senate Bill 234.

Respectfully,

Phil Dunn

cc: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

February 7, 2020

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hi, my name is Rebecca Weiland and I live in Akron, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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Roger Davis

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

My name is Ron Fry. I live in Seneca County and I’m writing to you today to offer opponent testimony on Senate Bill 234.

My wife and I have worked hard in our community all our lives. My wife is a retired schoolteacher. We’ve been responsible, saved, and invested in land in rural Seneca County. Now, we have an opportunity to secure our retirement on the land by generating wind energy. Unfortunately, Senate Bill 234 would allow the township to come in and take away our retirement income. It’s important to remember, we moved here because it’s an unzoned township and we wanted to be able to take advantage of opportunities to be productive on our land.

When our neighbor plants corn around our land, it provides a nice buffer from sound and light from the highway. When he plants soybeans, that buffer is gone. Should we be able to vote to prevent our neighbor from growing soybeans? Of course not. He should have the right to work his land as he chooses to support himself and his family. All I ask is that my wife and I be given the opportunity to do the same.

Please stand with us and allow us to secure a retirement. Vote no on Senate Bill 234.

Respectfully,

Ron Fry

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hi, my name is Samantha Rogers and I live in Columbus, Ohio. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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I’m writing you today to express my strong 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 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.

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Alexxa Morley

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My name is Theresa Barger and I live in Port Clinton, Ohio. I was born and raised just outside of Republic, Ohio where the Republic Wind project is proposed. I’m proud of our area’s heritage. But, as you know, it’s a tough time for agriculture and Senate Bill 234, by potentially taking away landowners’ ability to farm the wind, would make it all that much tougher.

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