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It had been proposed to construct a wind turbine on our land, part of Emerson Creek Wind. So, we weighed our options very heavily and decided to go on board with the project. It would allow us to generate an extra cash crop while still farming our land to keep feeding an ever-growing world population. The land in question, was once owned by my Great-Great Grandfather. To this day, the family still owns this land and has paid the PROPERTY TAXES on it every single year. This is our land and we get to determine what is developed on the property. Senate Bill 234 will allow others to take away our own private property rights. We are the landowners, we pay the property taxes, it is as simple as that. How does one person that owns half an acre in town have the same weight as my family that owns serval hundred acres? It is not right and I will fight till the end on this.

I am asking you legislators, please put into consideration the many landowners that are involved in this wind project. They have a voice on what happens on their property. Please protect private property rights and don’t allow another entity to make decisions on land they don’t pay taxes on. Please vote no on Senate Bill 234 and keep private property rights up to the landowner themselves. I yield back.

With great concern,

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My name is Paul Lust and I am a full-time farmer in Crawford County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 234.

Crawford County needs money to operate, and by building turbines here it will bring the needed money into our county and keep it there. I don’t know where those opposed to the wind turbines expect our counties to get money to make the needed improvements to not only our infrastructure, but the roads and schools as well.

What completely ruins the turbine project is the addition of Senate Bill 234. This will no longer allow land owners to make their own decisions for the turbines to be added on their land but would leave the decision up to the township. This strips away land owners’ property rights.

This referendum is inappropriate and unfair, and I hope you would vote against it in the name of property owners in Crawford County directly affected by it.

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Other residents would say that my family is 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 our farm land. Our land is a valuable resource and we will do everything in our power to make sure it stays in our family’s name.

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Very truly yours,

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Chairman of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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I am a fourth generation farmer whose family has made a living and raised many generations in rural Seneca County. Our family has always supported our community in any way that would make it stronger. As a young boy, I remember my father helping township trustees keep roads open during winter storms with his own farm equipment-never asking for, or accepting compensation. He served on the zoning appeals board for many years and my son continues that tradition. My mother has worked polling booths for many election cycles over the years and also spent eight years as the township clerk helping keep our local government fiscally responsible. As for myself, I learned from the example my parents have set. I spent more than 27 years as a volunteer fireman and first responder, serving as chief and assistant chief. I have helped shape the youth of our community through coaching little league baseball and volunteering as a 4H advisor for over 10 years. These are a few examples of some of the things we do locally, this does not include the State and National boards, committees, and leadership roles we have accepted over the years. We are truly community minded and committed to the sustainability of our neighborhood.

I am extremely concerned with the language of SB 234. As it is written today, it will limit growth of renewable energy in Ohio and imposes a restriction on government and keep it from doing the exact thing our legislature was established for -- to provide a GREATER level of management and oversight for projects that meet the GREATER good of society. I would have to ask those who support SB 234 if they believe our country would have the GREATEST infrastructure of any country in the world if we had left the placement and funding of a National Transportation System (Federal Highways) up to a local referendum vote? Would we have the GREATEST electric grid in the world if Transmission Line placement were left up to a local referendum vote? Would we have the most accessible cellular communication system without some level of government oversight in design and placement of cell towers? Not if it were left up to a referendum vote. My point is, that if every service of public need were to be left up to a referendum vote, we would have none of these things and we would be an under developed country. Our government has the role of providing structure and processes to manage the development of those things that meet the public good. One of the PUCO's commitments to their mission is stated as " Promoting utility infrastructure investment through appropriate regulatory policies and structures." This statement is exactly what SB 234 looks to circumvent. SB 234 bypasses the "appropriate regulatory policies and structures" to allow a public referendum vote and stop the resources designed to help solve problems in our rural communities. The same is true for the Ohio Power Sitting Board. Their mission is " to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, promoting the state's economic interests, and protecting the environment and land use." SB 234 takes all authority to act away from the OPSB's ability to provide for the needs of the residents of the State of Ohio, protect the environment, and allow for a landowner to use their resources as they deem necessary. It is my opinion that SB 234 ignores the current process of the Sitting Board and literally goes against the mission of OPSB that has been in place since 1972. The Ohio Revised Code #4906 details the role of the OPSB and defines exactly what the process of governmental oversight, review, and enforcement is, to meet the needs of a community and support their mission.

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Thank you for allowing me to share my opinions and concerns.

Please remove SB 234 from consideration. There is no value in creating legislation that addresses issues currently handled by the Ohio Revised Code and implemented by State Agencies that are working for the good of all of Ohio.

Gary Baldosser

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