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My name is John Stockmeister and I am a rural resident and farmer in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to Senate Bill 234.

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Respectfully,

John Stockmeister

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

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With steady falling grain prices, my family needs to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on our property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. It would be such a relief to know that our children and grandchildren will be able to maintain this land with the money that would result from the turbines over the next 30 years.

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I believe that the OPSB created rules that are landowner friendly and reasonable. I do not like that our rights as landowners are attacked and that our neighbors with the “yellow signs” will be able to control what happens on our land.

 Sincerely,

 Katherine Smith

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With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. 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.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what I do with MY land, 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 other locals and that is absolutely infuriating.

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.

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Kurt Love

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I hope you take my viewpoint seriously as I m a resident that will be directly affected by the passing of this bill.

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With steady falling grain prices, I need to find ways to diversify my income. Having a wind turbine on my property would be an excellent opportunity to do this. 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. This is one reason why I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

By allowing others, such as opposition, to influence your decision on what I do with MY land, would completely limit my rights to my land as a property owner. This would put the complete control of MY farmland in the hands of other locals and that is absolutely infuriating. Yet another reason I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

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. This is another reason that I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

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My name is Mark Willman and I live in Attica, Ohio with property within the proposed Honey Creek Wind Farm and I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

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My name is Mark Willman and I live in Attica, Ohio with property within the proposed Honey Creek Wind Farm and I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

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Mark Willman

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Dear Chairman Wilson,

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

The purpose of this letter is to explain my strong support of the proposed wind projects in Crawford County. I own property in Crawford County that would be affected by Senate Bill 234. This property has been in family for generations and this referendum would be detrimental to my livelihood due to my diversified income. This will completely limit my rights as a property owner and would not allow me to have the final say in what happens on the grounds of my great-grandparents and that is absolutely devastating.

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Respectfully,

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Darby Walton

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My name is Doug Cleland and I live in Tiro, Ohio with property within the proposed Honey Creek Wind Farm and I am opposed to Senate Bill 234.

Senate Bill 234 includes a referendum on wind energy projects after they receive a permit from the state. I find this amendment to be an attack on property rights and an attack on businesses investing in the state.

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