

**Testimony of Barb Conner
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In support of HB-118
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee
March 9, 2021**

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of HB-118.

I am urging the legislators to realize that local citizens deserve the right to vote on what affects them personally. Local citizens lives will be changed drastically and we, the affected, should be the ones who decide whether or not a wind or solar project fits into our community's plans, not politicians.

Transparency is the fair way to present the process and that was not done as I have farmer neighbors that were approached a while ago and the nonfarmers knew nothing about it.

Along with my property value going down, the safety of my family and my neighbors should not be threatened by a state regulated construction project. There are numerous safety and health reasons that go with a wind farm and that should only be decided by those who it affects, not by someone who sits in an office in a big city.

So I am again urging you to allow the local citizens the right to decide our future.

Thank you.

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