

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

HB 118

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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, Member Smith and members of the Committee. I am Dr. Mike Terveer with my wife Paige Terveer and reside in Allen County. We support HB 118 and would like to address the Birch Solar Industrial Complex.

We purchased almost 17 acres of beautiful woods in 1989 and built a beautiful home, pond, party outbuilding and 1800 foot secluded lane off Breese Road. We didn't dream we would be surrounded by an ugly metal and glass industrial solar complex eyesore 32 years later!

We have raised two successful kids (plus many of their friends) here. I just celebrated my 70th birthday and the plan has always been to retire thanks in part to the appreciating value of our homestead. Now we are faced with the very real possibility of a decimating decline in property value. We find it impossible to believe there is no local control over this invasion. Numerous neighbors are facing similar situations. A nearby electrical substation is the primary reason BP is deviously pursuing this monstrosity. Our area is too densely populated to safely warrant construction of this dangerous "not green" energy source. Please give us some way to protect ourselves!

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