

PROPONENT TESTIMONY - HB 118
House Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, Member Smith and members of the Committee. I am Kacie Rison and reside in Allen County. I support HB 118 and would like to address the Birch Solar Industrial Complex.

At the age of 24 years old, I decided I wanted to purchase a house. After six (6) months of searching and fourteen (14) different houses, and in five (5) different counties my boyfriend and I FINALLY purchased our dream home in May of 2018. A spacious old farm house on a beautiful rural plot of land in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio.

In October of 2020, we receive a pamphlet in the mail that looked like "junk mail". "A solar farm? Eh! Nothing to worry about"... or so we thought as we believed nobody would put something like that so close to houses.

Boy, were we wrong! The beautiful farm house that we pictured getting married at and raising a family in will now be surrounded on three (3) sides by 10' tall solar panels, miles of access roads, tall fencing and noisy electrical inverters. Our dreams are now crushed.

I hope you consider my brief story and support HB 118. So many other families are in the same boat as me. We need to give control back to local townships & residents in regards to wind/solar projects.

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