

**Testimony of Patrick D Ruffing
Huron County, Ohio
In support of HB-118
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, ranking member Smith, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of HB-118.

I live within the foot print of proposed wind turbine project in Lyme Township. Any project that has the potential to affect my property and/or it's value is of great concern to me, as well as my family. Giving local residents a vote in the matter seems like a most fair resolution. We are, of course, the ones that have to live with it. The final say shouldn't rest solely on someone 80 miles away.

The issue about set back limits sounds like an important safety concern. If anything, they need to be increased more to at least conform with the safety distances which turbine manufacturers tell workers to stay clear during fires and thunderstorms. Please think of the local residents, and their needs and concerns. Because of their immense size and numbers these projects are transforming large areas of Ohio into effective industrial zones which are not fit to live in.

Thank You for your attention.

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