

**Testimony of Paula and Steve Fox
Huron County, Ohio
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, we write as proponents of HB-118.

As residents of Huron County we are asking for your help by voting for this bill. We believe this issue is very important to local residents who will be affected by the wind and solar industry. We should have the choice to vote for or against these projects.

My husband and I both grew up on farms in this rural setting and chose to continue living here over living in the city because we love the beauty that surrounds our home. It is very important to us to keep it that way along with keeping it safe from the hazards of the wind turbines that could destroy our dream along with property values. We are not interested in living in an industrial zone. If that were the case we would have done so years ago.

It wasn't until about 2 years ago when it was brought to our attention that wind turbines were being considered in our area. Otherwise we would still be in the dark about these unwelcome monstrosities. It would have been nice to have known about this sooner. There was definitely a lack of transparency since we were told that wind companies had been working with land owners for over 8 years here locally.

Decisions regarding wind turbines and solar projects should be up to the local land and home owners not the OPSB. So again we ask you to vote for this bill and let us the local community decide the outcome for our beautiful rural landscape.

Thank You,

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