

**Testimony of RC Keith
York Township Trustee
Sandusky 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, I write as a proponent of HB-118.

As an elected Trustee for York township in Sandusky County Ohio it is my civic duty to represent all of the residents of York township. Earlier, when residents were made aware of the plan to install Industrial wind turbines in our township and surrounding townships there was great concern about the impact they would have.

We offered the residents a period of time for the them to voice their opinion as to whether they were in support of the project or not. 100% of the respondents were against the project.

The legislation you are considering will help protect the concerns of the majority of residents affected and needs to be put in place. Perhaps there are many people in favor of our project who never came to the meetings to express their support. If so then the policy implemented by this bill will provide them a true voice by vote as well. All residents of the area local to such projects must have a chance to vote on something which will alter their community is such a big way.

Thank you,

RC Keith
York Township Trustee