

**Testimony of Thomas and Jackie Maike  
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, we write as proponents of HB-118.

We are asking you to give the residents who are directly affected by large industrial projects the right to decide by a local vote.

We would like to have a meaningful voice in the process without having to hire lawyers and experts to make our case in front of the OPSB. Right now, the decisions are may by this appointed board who don't reside in areas where these industrial projects are constructed. Please let that decision be made by the residents who are living literally several feet from these project sites.

Again, all we are asking for is a vote on these MAJOR project decisions.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Jackie Maike