

PROPONENT TESTIMONY – SB 52

Senate Energy and Public Utilities

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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee. My name is Jena Aichholz and I reside in Seneca County. I am writing this short letter in support of SB 52 which would allow a referendum in affected townships on large wind farms.

Our home and family's safety are the most important things in the world to me. These proposed wind turbine projects will put both things at severe risk. This is all while not giving us any official voice in the process. The current system in Ohio affords my family little to no say and only a spot in the process by spending thousands of dollars on expensive legal counsel. The Ohio Power Siting Board are not members of our community and therefore they have NO RIGHT to decide the future of our community. SB 52 gives back the power to local people to decide what is best for their communities.

I again ask you to support SB 52 and help thousands of people in the process. You truly can make a difference and ensure we are afforded a voice. Forcing a project on a community creates long lasting devastating effects. If a township electorate can vote on a project, there is a better chance for community acceptance.



Thank You

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