

Testimony of Roger Weisenauer
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In support of SB-52
Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Schuring, ranking member Williams, members of the committee, I write as a proponent of SB-52.

I am writing to voice my concerns about the rights of local citizens being bypassed when it comes determining whether or not a wind or solar farm gets OK'd. It's the local citizens who are affected by having their homeland turned into industrial zones of a great magnitude. Yet, they, under current law, are at the mercy of a board, who are in no way affected, living nowhere close to these giant zones.

The setback distance, as it is, makes them extremely dangerous. As of now that distance is closer than the turbine manufacturer suggests as being safe. For a company to come in and change the landscape from rural, to an industrial zone, of tremendous size, while the local citizens sit back and watch the desirability of their property destroyed, which vastly affects their property value.

Please consider my concerns, and others in regards to this matter, and pass this Bill which will give the residents, who are the property owners after all, the right to have a vote. Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

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