

Written Opponent Testimony from Deborah Continenza

Senate Bill 52 and House Bill 118

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

House Public Utilities Committee

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I am sending written opponent testimony for the hearings on March 23.

Chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members, members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, and members of the House Public Utilities Committee, I am writing today to express my deep concern with SB 52 and HB 118. My name is Deborah Continenza, and I believe it is important for Ohioans to speak out against legislation that would have a detrimental effect on Ohio's energy policy.

These pieces of legislation would effectively stop the development of new wind and solar farms in Ohio, resulting in a significant loss to our economy. Passage of the bills would broadcast to investors, developers, and corporate leaders that Ohio is not interested in the technologies of the future or the benefits that come with them.

Local residents have multiple avenues of participation in the siting process as it exists today. A small number of opponents should not be able to overturn Ohio Power Siting Board decisions in which all interested stakeholders had an opportunity to be heard.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony to the Committees today.

Respectfully,
Deborah Continenza