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Please oppose changing the setback for wind turbines in Ohio. I ask you to oppose SB 238 and SB 188. I also ask that you oppose any amendment to legislation that would change the current setback regulations in Ohio.

It is my firm opinion that only Townships in Ohio directly within any proposed wind turbine project area should be able to vote for/against these said projects. It is only fair that land and homeowners who are stakeholders in the affected areas of disruption should be allowed to vote. Townships that would not be in a proposed wind project area should not be allowed to vote as their property rights would not be affected.

I also request your assistance in any way to prevent the Republic wind farm (Docket # 17-2295-EL-BGN) from building in Sandusky and Seneca County.

It is my understanding that most of the wind turbines being proposed in Ohio are a costly ineffective source of energy and a waste of tax payer incentives. The 560 foot turbines proposed for our counties could alter the natural flow of water due to the numerous sinkholes/karst flooding in our area and underground rivers. The ground will need to be blasted to secure these structures. Ground water contamination has occurred in other locations where industrial turbines have been installed with a similar geology.

These turbines will strain the bat population which is already on decline. The bat which is one of the few creatures we have lowering nuisance insect populations such as mosquitos naturally.

There is significant data indicating that property values decline significantly on average for homes within the proximity of these industrial turbines. Even at the current setback the noise pollution from these turbines will be significant and audible for over a mile away. I understand that some residents have experienced health issues from the infra-sound associated with these turbines.

It is my understanding that the wind industry is lobbying hard in Ohio to change the setback in order to allow these structures to be placed closer to homes where their ice throws, noise and flickering shadow could disrupt a residence. It would be especially unfortunate if a person with special needs, seizures or persons wearing hearing aides were in the nearby homes.

It seems unfathomable that in this day and age the designs of wind turbines proposed for our great state would be so hideous, harmful and noxious to beautiful rural settings. As the technology advances in other forms of energy these industrial wind turbines will be seen in the future as a huge archaic mistake and a scar on the land for future generations.

Sincerely,

Derek E. Hay

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