



State lawmakers in the Ohio Senate urged to allow SB 234 wind farm referendum

For those of you who missed the live stream from Tuesday January 28th 2020, Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee proponent testimony for SB 234 here you go.

We would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Columbus and especially all of those from all across Ohio who provided in person verbal testimony. Also thank you to [Senator Rob McColley](#) for introducing the bill that is identical to HB 401 (Reineke Referendum). If either bill becomes law those people living in affected Townships within an industrial wind turbine development would have a vote via referendum.

Ohio Senate (133rd General Assembly) Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Chairman: Steve Wilson, Senate Bill 234: Proponent Testimony
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Testimony Order:

- Chris Aichholz (Seneca County Resident)
- Anthony Paradiso (Seneca County Commissioner)
- Julia Johnson (Champaign County Resident)
- Michael Parker (Erie County Township Association)
- Walt Poffenbaugh (Huron County Resident)
- Jeremy Kitson (Van Wert County Resident)
- Kevin Ledet (Huron County Resident)
- Dennis Schreiner (Erie County Resident)
- William Kaltenbach (Huron County Resident)

[CLICK LINK HERE](#) to the YouTube Video

Click on this link to read the written testimony of hundreds who spoke to the committee on your behalf or to read the contents of the heartfelt letters of your friends and neighbors: [CLICK LINK HERE](#) When the site opens go to January 28.

The wind lobby has been hard at it this past weekend trying to drum up the opposition

for SB 234 (Wind turbine referendum bill) by spending as much as \$1,000 per day on targeted Facebook advertisements in Ohio.

They are trying anything to counter our 300+ signed, authentic letters of support for SB 234 that we submitted to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee last week.

SB 234 (Sen. Robert McColley) & HB 401 (Rep. Bill Reineke) are identical pieces of legislation that would secure residents a vote on proposed industrial wind turbine development by affected Townships within the projects footprint.

#YES2SB234 #YES2HB401



Power of Wind

Most states want wind energy. Why is Ohio trying to stop it?

The Ohio legislature is considering a bill that would kill wind development in our state. If passed, this legislation would threaten jobs and investment in Ohio.

If you're tired of seeing renewable energy under attack in Ohio, take action now and tell legislators to oppose Senate Bill 234.

Send an email to lawmakers with one click!

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Take Action Now

SIGN UP

Seneca County Neighbors United Inc. recently sent flyers out to neighboring townships to the Republic Wind LLC. This not for profit corporation is dedicated to funding legal counsel to protect our natural settings from industrial wind.

1400' SETBACK FROM HOME
398 FT TURBINES
DEKALB COUNTY, IL

SAFETY?
Wind Developers will claim that the "safety setback" requirements in the "Turbine Manufacturer's Safety Manual" are "Proprietary or Trade Secrets" which you the public have no right to know. Recently a safety manual was made public at the CPSSB. On page 161 of the 200 page file, safety setbacks of 1,400 ft to 2,200 ft can be found. The 12419 case documents can be located here: [https://www.courts.state.oh.us/CaseFiles/CaseFile/12419](#)

TRESPASS ZONING
The non-disclosure of a wind contract gets partial use of that land after being forced to "donate" their land to their wind farm neighbor, without receiving compensation from anyone.

PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HEALTH?
Industrial wind turbines create both audible sound and infrasound. Infrasound is audible and below what we can hear. There have been numerous reports from individuals living within close proximity to a turbine of sleep disturbances and headaches to one balanced vertigo-like effects. Infrasound has been shown to have effects on the body that profoundly disturb some individuals. "Dr. Alec Sait" has written some information. [http://www.senecacountyohio.com/Health/HealthGuidelines.html](#)

COMMISSIONER THOMAS WOULD REDUCE CURRENT SETBACKS EVEN MORE!
Shayne Thomas along with Ohio Senator Mark Cohen of Chagrin Falls have proposed reducing the safety setback of turbines to just 11% the height of turbines which they call "reasonable setbacks". [https://www.ohioelection.com/2019/01/20/ohio-senator-would-reduce-setbacks-of-wind-turbines/](#)

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Currently we are planning to fund the legal defense against the development of the Republic Wind LLC. We consider this an investment in preserving and protecting Seneca County for future generations to enjoy.
*Donations are not tax deductible.

Painting below by Doug Kelley, Seneca County

WIND TURBINE
An industrial wind turbine the height of 300' can throw debris over 1700'. There have been numerous accounts of ice throws causing damage to homes and cars. [http://www.fox19.com/story/14000000/ice-throw-causes-damage-to-home-and-car](#)

Industrial turbines kill birds. They are particularly harmful to populations of migrating birds and eagles. [http://www.fox19.com/story/14000000/ice-throw-causes-damage-to-home-and-car](#)

Studies have found that wind turbines devastate bat populations which naturally control insect populations such as mosquitoes. [http://www.fox19.com/story/14000000/ice-throw-causes-damage-to-home-and-car](#)

Industrial turbines in close proximity to a home create shadow flicker, as if someone was turning the lights on and off in the home. [http://www.fox19.com/story/14000000/ice-throw-causes-damage-to-home-and-car](#)

While safe setbacks to industrial wind turbines increase across the USA and Europe, setbacks in Ohio remain outdated and dangerous! Wind developers cannot provide a scientific, independent, peer-reviewed study that verifies the safety of the setback distance their industry deems as the STANDARD.

Seneca County Neighbors United

PROTECTING OUR BEAUTIFUL RURAL LANDSCAPES FROM INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY

Seneca County Neighbors United is a non-profit corp. founded in 2019 by community members of Seneca County as a response to need for legal defense against foreign/out of state corporations developing industrial scale wind energy. We are a group of concerned citizens dedicated to preserving our rural settings, wild-life, property values, and overall quality of life in the beautiful scenic settings in which we live and work. Legal defense is how we plan to hold Wind Developers accountable to the impact on our surroundings and the cost to our communities now and for future generations. Unfortunately in Ohio legal defense is our only remedy. Please consider donating to our cause... For more information go to: [SenecaNeighborsUnited.com](#)

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Seneca Anti-Wind Union Investigates, Episode 3 - "Property Destruction, Forgery, and Trespassing; The Abuse of Host Community Citizens"

[Video Link HERE](#)



Seneca County Sheriff's Office called because Republic Wind (APEX) employees were trespassing on private property!

This video clip illustrates the risks a landowner takes when you get involved with energy companies including industrial wind turbine developers. It is truly saddening what has happened to these fine people and if these projects get approval in our area the number of these types of stories will likely only increase.

Here is a link to the Sheidler's testimony that they submitted last week to the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee: [LINK HERE](#)



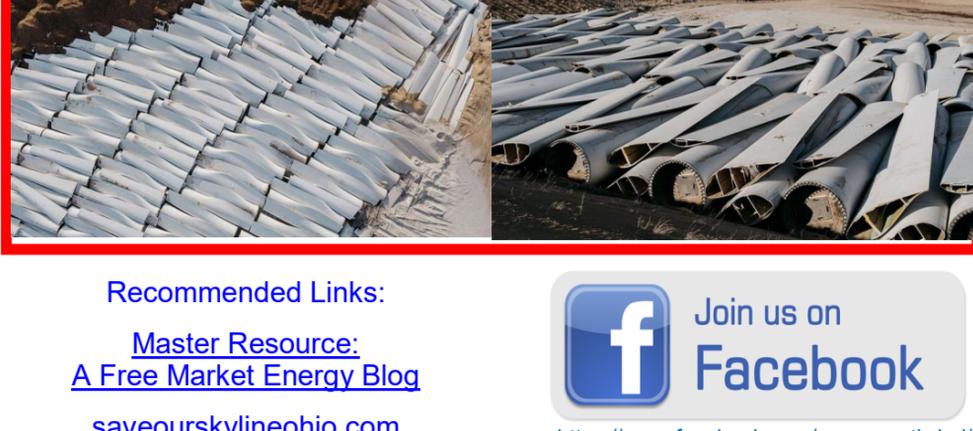
Wind Turbine Blades Can't Be Recycled, So They're Piling Up in Landfills

"Companies are searching for ways to deal with the tens of thousands of blades that have reached the end of their lives."

A wind turbine's blade can be longer than the entire wingspan of Boeing 747, so at the end of their lifespan they can't just be hauled away. First, you need to saw through the tenacious fiberglass using a diamond-encrusted industrial saw to create three pieces small enough to be strapped to a tractor-trailer. Two 747's could fit in the blade diameter of the turbines proposed for Seneca, Huron, Sandusky, and Erie Counties.

"Tens of thousands of aging blades are coming down from steel towers around the world and most have nowhere to go but landfills. In the U.S. alone, about 8,000 will be removed in each of the next four years." [CLICK LINK HERE](#)

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Mission Statement:
 The Seneca Anti-Wind Union is a group of concerned citizens dedicated to preserving our rural settings, wildlife, property values, and overall quality of life in the

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