



Ohio Senate Bill 52 Economic Development Impact

Ohio SB 52 in opposition to pro-business, free-market principles that have guided Ohio for many years. These bills insert burdensome layers of regulation on two forms of energy generation only and create uncertainty for future investment in this state.

- With the selection of wind and solar as the only energy generation included in the bills, the government is picking winners and losers in the energy industry.
- Perhaps most challenging for any economic development, chamber of commerce or workforce development organization is the dangerous precedent these bills present. This legislation lays a foundation for any new investment in a community being subject to a local vote.
- These bills would establish a precedent for local votes for any other kind of agricultural land usage such as large livestock operations, specific crops, or ag equipment such as loud grain bin dryers, allowing a local township vote on what you smell, hear or see.
- This legislation will drive business away from Ohio. “Capital goes where it is welcome and stays where it is well treated.” Corporate investment will never be safe in Ohio if the rules can change at any given time. Certainty matters.
 - Ohio stands to generate more than \$18 Billion in economic investment from solar projects including: up to 54,111 construction jobs and 618 annual operations and maintenance jobs which could disappear with the uncertainty and an unstable environment for developers and the companies that finance these projects created by this legislation
 - Fortune 100 and 500 companies want to procure less expensive renewable energy in the states where they have operations.
- These bills infringe on individual property rights and create roadblocks for landowners who seek to utilize renewable energy as additional farm income, to help keep the family farm in the family as well as to generate new tax revenues for the county.
- At a time when many Ohio communities, especially rural counties are looking to rebuild their economy, clean energy investment is often the #1 opportunity to diversify their economy, attract new jobs and increase tax revenues. The state should not create industry focused barriers to drive this investment away.