



Jan. 19, 2016

Honorable Tim Schaffer
Chairman, House Public Utilities Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Schaffer,

On behalf of Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon") I urge your support of proposed House Bill 190 that would allow counties in Ohio more control and options over development of wind energy assets within their jurisdiction. Amazon supports the common sense approach taken in HB 190 to allow county commissioners to determine appropriate set back standards.

Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon, recently announced that it contracted with EDP Renewables to construct and operate a 100 megawatt wind farm in Paulding County. This facility, called the Amazon Wind Farm US Central, is expected to start generating approximately 320,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity annually beginning in May 2017. When completed this investment is expected to provide enough electricity to power the equivalent of 29,000 U.S. homes annually. This exciting project is part of an overall commitment by AWS to achieve 100 percent renewable energy power for the AWS infrastructure footprint over the long-term.

Moreover, Ohioans' want to see more renewable energy and sustainable businesses to protect the environment and to grow a 21st century economy in the state. AWS can only achieve these goals with access to a renewable energy market that is robust, reliable, and cost competitive. Current state law severely limits the options for approvals necessary for additional renewable energy development, especially wind energy. We believe that HB 190 would go a long way to help foster more investment in developing wind energy resources in Ohio. Therefore, I urge you to support HB 190.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Stephenson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Stephenson, Manager of AWS Public Policy
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