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## Commissioners Express Opposition to Proposed State Law Bill would take away local control to regulate wind farms.

(February 22, 2021) At the February 22nd Montgomery County Board of Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners approved a resolution stating their opposition to a proposed State law that would take away local control to regulate wind farms. Over half of the 92 Indiana Boards of County Commissioners have approved a similar resolution.

The proposed legislation, HB 1381, has passed the Indiana House of Representatives with both representatives of Montgomery County, Representative Tim Brown and Sharon Nagele, voting in favor of the bill. The bill is now being considered by the Indiana Senate.

John Frey, President of the Board of Commissioners, said "we cannot support the State overreach in this bill. We need to keep local zoning decisions local."

Jim Fulwider, Vice President of the Board of Commissioners, said "our State legislature is trying to take over local control and that is not acceptable."

Dan Guard, Commissioner, said "we ask that our State Senator, Phil Boots, help us stop this bad bill from becoming law."

Citizens may contact State Senator Phil Boots at 1-800-382-9467 or <u>senator.boots@iga.in.gov</u> or via his legislative assistant, Sarah Potter, at 317-234-9054 or <u>sarah.potter@iga.in.gov</u>.

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For more information regarding the proposed state law, click on this link: <u>https://defeathb1381.blogspot.com/?m=1</u>