

February 13, 2025

Dear Committee Members;

I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 2208 which removes local zoning and land use control regarding energy projects. Local citizens need to retain control of energy development in the county and township they reside in. I call this legislation "blackmail", withholding needed state funds in exchange for energy companies freedom to build as they wish.

Orderly economic development , with input from the local residents through zoning is the democratic way to move forward.

Please do pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Duane R. Andersen

Woodbury Township Supervisor & Stutsman County Zoning Board member