

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing today in opposition of HB1258. Our local township has worked hundreds of hours for essentially zero pay because of issues dealing with sighting transmission lines. We worked hand and hand with the staff at the PSC, legal officials, professionals in the area, and most important of all, the citizens that live here. As township officials, we listened to our constituents. Would we put in the hours and work for essentially free to do it all again, yes, yes we would. We love our community and the people that live here.

I look at the previous testimonies and see two sides. The large companies that would like to bulldoze their way through and have nothing in their way, and the local communities that care and love where they live. The testimonies from these companies are all well paid people doing a job they are told to do. All of the testimonies from the other side, are people that live here, and are worried their voices are not being heard. I look at the testimonies of these companies, where they say “unnecessary delays” and “supporting jobs”, well what about the hundreds of open jobs we cant fill the way it is? Is an unnecessary delay answering a concerned citizens question?

Passing HB1258 is telling townships and counties, and all who live there, their opinions do not matter and move out of the way.

Please vote no on HB1258.