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**CALL TO ACTION!!**

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Please read the attached article. Over 50 counties in Iowa are looking to update, change or continue with their ordinances protecting them from wind, solar, and battery storage. This bill would take away ALL of their rights. PLEASE WRITE TODAY and let your legislators know to keep things local!

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Hi to all lowans. This needs immediate attention. Thanks



Julie Kuntz

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There is a bill being considered at the Iowa Capitol on Monday proposing that setback/ordinance control for renewables be shifted to the state level, thus removing local control. We encourage you to reach out to the Commerce Committee reviewing this bill and urge them to vote no.

Here are the emails to the Iowa House Commerce Committee. A suggested email message to send is below that. Please send before Monday, February 16!

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Subject: Please Vote NO on House File HSB692

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Regardless of party affiliation or personal views on renewable energy, this issue is fundamentally about local control. House File HSB692 would take decision-making authority away from counties and place it in the hands of the state. That shift undermines the principle that government works best when it is closest to the people.

Every county is unique. Our communities differ in geography, population density, land use, economic priorities, infrastructure, and the needs and values of residents. A one-size-fits-all statewide mandate cannot account for these important differences. Local officials are elected by and directly accountable to their constituents. They understand their communities and are best positioned to craft renewable energy ordinances that reflect local priorities.

Whether someone supports or opposes renewable energy projects is not the central issue here. The core question is who should decide. Removing local authority sets a concerning precedent and weakens the voice of county residents in decisions that directly impact their land, property rights, and way of life.

Counties should retain the ability to govern in accordance with the wishes of their citizens. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on House File HSB692 and protect local control.

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STILL TIME TO ENTER YOUR COMMENTS ON HSB 692, the one about erosion of local control. It is on agenda for House Commerce Committee, scheduled for 1:30 PM. Use this link: from here you can click on "comments" at far right to add comments -- do so BEFORE meeting convenes! Also, under "location" column there's a little video camera icon -- that will give you a link to go online to observe the meeting. <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/.../meetings/meetingsListComm...>

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