

Greetings. My name is Matt Amos and I live in Reno County, Kansas in very close proximity to the proposed Pretty Prairie Wind Facility.

I would like to give my full support for HB2273, for the following reasons:

I believe that wind energy has its place in our county and state, however it should not be up to wind developers or ill-informed local officials to dictate setbacks. Each state is different, and every area is different. The setbacks for our proposed development are way too close to many rural residential homes, including mine.

My home was built for me, mortgage free, by an organization called Homes For Our Troops. I selected the site for my home because my wife and I grew up in this area; and when I was medically retired from the Marine Corps, after losing both my legs in Afghanistan, this is where we wanted to live out the rest of our lives. We wanted to be away from the noise and lights of the city, and now due to improper siting, our forever home is in jeopardy.

I own three businesses that I have started post-injury, and the real threat of reduced property values are a significant issue for my family and I. I may not be able to borrow against my home, for its current value, in order to grow my businesses. After I'm gone, the value I have in it would be reduced for my children and grandchildren. This isn't a one-generational issue. These decisions will affect multiple generations. The proposed setbacks in HB2273 will at least provide some relief from a catastrophic decline in our property values.

Having been in multiple explosions overseas, I am extremely concerned with the health issues that could arise from improper siting. The noise and infrasound from the turbines will only worsen my tinnitus and vertigo, and the bright flashing lights are extremely irritating due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI), especially when driving at night. Without help from you, I'll be surrounded by them!

We need your help to protect us and those who will have to deal with industrial wind energy facilities in the future. I ask that you please support this bill and protect my rights, just as I protected the rights of others for the majority of my life, at great personal sacrifice.

I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter. Your full attention to this issue will be GREATLY appreciated and remembered. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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