

To the Energy, Utility, and Telecommunications Committee Members,

My wife, Tamela and I (Darryl) were born and raised in Kansas. We lived on the East coast for about a year, but realized we wanted to be back in Kansas where we love the open spaces. We are very concerned with the proliferation of the large wind turbines in our area of NE Kansas.

About 15 years ago, we purchased a farm and built a home in rural Nemaha county South of Sabetha, where we work as an educator, and in sales for a manufacturing company. We are very concerned that the home we built, and farm we purchased will have significantly reduced value if large wind turbines are constructed around us. If these turbines are installed, our view from our living room and patio will be a constant flicker from the blades at sunset from the hills to our west. So, I ask you, would this property be worth more or less if turbines are installed? This is on top of the health concerns we have regarding Flicker & Infrasound that the turbines create.

I realize owners should be able to do what they need to do on their land, BUT, isn't my right to enjoy my land, just as important? Several of the landowners that have signed up their land to put the wind turbines on have only signed up their land that is not located close to them. The place where they live, they chose not to lease to the wind companies. THIS SPEAKS VOLUMES TO ME! They obviously don't want them near their home either.

Our daughter will be finishing nursing school this year. If she were to marry, and consider moving back to our rural community to build a home on our farm, and work in our small rural hospital, I would venture to say that a 500ft turbine across the road would likely make her change her mind. I believe we don't need any more obstacles to keep our young people from staying in our great state.

For these reasons, we are asking that you please support HB2273 to help us protect our farm for us, and our children, and our small communities.

We thank you for listening and for your consideration.

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