

## Senate Bill 279

Hello and Good Morning (or afternoon)

I would like to thank you for letting me speak today.

My name is Hal Aggers. I am from Linn County Kansas and live in the country close to a small city called Blue Mound.

42 years ago I started in the Heavy construction trade building a plant called Wolf Creek. Since then our trades have changed over the years. When I started in the trade safety was not a big issue. But as time marched on safety changed and new construction regulations were being passed to protect workers. Oh it had a lot of push back from the employees. And comments I been doing this job for years I don't need that. Well as time passed and employees seen that these regulations were working and finally accepted them injuries and death rates dropped. A new mind set had happened.

So what does this have to do with SB279? It will protect the safety of our Kansas Residents. But you say from what exactly.

So I want to give you a hypothetical story. In this story I want all of you to Imagine that you have purchased a piece of property. And now you are going to build your dream home you have always wanted. You have everything there you have also wanted. Good schools, churches, friends and loving community.

So you have your home built move in and are loving it. Well. In comes a wind turbine company asking for people to sign up to get turbines put on there property. So you think and come to the conclusion that no I really don't think that I want to do that. But what you find out is that your neighbor has signed a lease agreement now after being friends for years you are fighting over this.

Time passes and the wind turbine company installs a 400' tall tower with 3 blades on it towering over 600' tall just over 1400 ' from your new dream home. Your heart sinks every time you go out your door and have to look at it. Then they turn it on and you go to bed at night and you hear wosh wosh wosh all night long and a flashing red light glows in your bed room window all night. Then you get up in the morning and the sun is coming up and in your living room there is this constant strobe like flicker coming through your windows. You hang your head and tears come to your eyes and say but this was my dream home.

Wind turbine companies will tell you that there surveys will show that properties will not loose there value after there turbines are installed. Do you truly believe this? Who now would want to buy this home I have described? And if they did at how much of a loss will it be?

Well guess what folks this was not a hypothetical story this is happening all over our great state. And Why? Why?

SB279 is a regulation to protect the people! Protecting the values of there homes. Protecting there health and safety. And yes protecting even those who want to sign a lease agreement. It protects counties who do not have a planning and zoning with a guide line to follow.

**These regulations are just like the safety regulations that OSHA put in place years ago. Push back is going to happen on this I am 100% sure of that. But these regulations will protect the people of our Great State as did the OSHA regulation during my career. Change is hard sometimes. It is time for this to happen, we can not and should not, turn our heads and kick the can down the road.**

**Please put yourself in the shoes of these people that have been taken advantage of and have watched the value of there homes go down. Ask yourself can I tell the people that these wind turbines are more important than there lively hood.**

**I built my dream home in 1998 and have loved it. But now as I set on my deck I have to watch 58 flashing red lights every night where I used to watch the stars.**

**Thank You**

**For your time**