

Testimony submitted for Senate Bill No. SB478
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Testimony in Support of SB478

My name is Dianne Novak, a private citizen and former County commissioner of Marion County Kansas. I want to thank the chair and all the members on this committee for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony on light-mitigating technology systems for wind turbines across the state of Kansas.

I live 4.5 mile south of a wind farm (Diamond Vista/Enel) in Marion County, so I personally know the annoyance of the constant flashing red lights **at night, all night, every night!** Never in my wildest dreams did I think, living out in rural Kansas, I would have to endure continued flashing red lights, 70, 80, 90 or more of them flashing in unison blotting out the beautiful night sky and all its magnificent.

I know many, many people who live closer than 4.5 miles. Some of my dearest friends live 2 miles, one mile or worse in the mist of the wind farm with flashing lights all around them. They have spent the past two years fighting and begging the County to do something to help them with these horrible flashing lights that, light up their homes and bedrooms thought out the night interrupting their sleep and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and property. Most all of them have become completely frustrated when they learn the County has no legal way to do anything to help them and their families. Some have sold their homes and moved out of Kansas, others have their homes up for sale and the rest of the people, now hate what was once their dream homes.

Despite the cries, begging and pleading for help over the past several years, by non-participating landowners, the consensus of these citizens seems to be, there is no willingness in our Kansas legislators to help families in rural Kansas, as most of the support appears to go to help big industries i.e., big wind!

I beg you; the light mitigating technology is here and available. The implementing of SB 478 will help all citizens across Kansas. Please vote YES for SB478.

Thank you,
Dianne Novak

