

House Committee on Energy and Environment

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Chairman Hedke and Members of the Committee:

I have land in Ford County and also have wind turbines on our property.

I have firsthand knowledge what wind development in our area has done to boost our economy and also our school district. The Spearville School District is presently constructing a big (8.3 million) addition to our school completely paid for with the income from the PILOT program.

We need to encourage development in wind energy, not discourage it by attempting to roll back the RPS, designed to have 20% renewable energy by 2020.

What would new energy development, new factory facilities or any business looking to locate in Kansas think if the State of Kansas would roll back RPS standards. Let us be positive and move ahead instead of delaying the RPS state policy.