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To Senator Bowers and Utilities Committee members:

We are taking time to write this testimony to encourage you to move forward with senate Bill No. 279.

We live in rural Marshall County with the Irish Creek wind farm encroaching on our home and dairy. Our county has no zoning. Our commissioners assured us they would oversee placement of turbines on an individual basis but have failed to do so.

Our dairy and farming operation of 38 years employs two married sons and a full-time employee with young families. All three have built new homes within a mile of the home place and each other. There are turbines planned within 600 feet of their property line and within 800 feet of a family fishing pond. This is unacceptable. The visual impact and possible health repercussions are of great concern.

When we make significant changes at the dairy, we are required to inform every residence within a mile and give them a chance to voice their concerns. We make every effort possible to not be a nuisance to our neighbors and have had no issues. We had the opportunity to have a turbine on some of our property 6 miles away, but we declined. If we didn't want one in *our* backyard, why would we subject someone else to that noise, the lights and visual pollution.

Nothing has been so divisive in our community as this turbine issue. Please vote to support this bill requiring ***at least*** one-mile setbacks for us.

Thank you for your help.

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