

Senator Thompson,

I would very much like to voice my support of SB 279. Wind companies have been terrorizing small, unzoned communities with nothing to stop them.

I live in Marshall County. It is the site of a proposed wind farm. I will soon have 500 ft tall turbines about 3,000 ft from my home. Not my property line, my HOME! The county commissioners say there is nothing they can do even if they wanted to.

I was raised in the country. I love the quiet peacefulness. When I married, we lived in town. Frankfort is a small town but still has street lights and traffic noise. Our goal was always to be able to buy some land and move out of city limits. We worked and saved, did it hour sometimes and managed to buy 60 acres. We kept working and saving and eventually built our "forever" home. Our children, and now our grandchildren, could play, ride bikes and skip stones in the pond.

But, everything we worked for, sacrificed for, may be coming to an end. With turbines that close to our home, will it still be a safe place for our grandchildren? For us as we age? We are lucky that we have 60 acres to buffer our home -to keep the turbines a bit further away. But there is the real possibility that we won't be able to use our land in the ways we used to. Turbine companies say it will be safe enough, but they make their employees wear safety helmets. Should my grandkids wear hard hats to throw rocks in the pond? To pick wildflowers?

Some families are living are living on smaller acreages. They will have turbines, multiple turbines, extremely close. Those using wells I'll have to worry about their water quality. Outdoor activities will be difficult, not only from the safety issue but from the noise and infrasound. This won't quit at sunset. Imagine putting your children to bed each night with 50dB vibrating through your home.

I'm sure in your own research you have read the published, peer reviewed papers written Nina Pierpont, Richard James, Jerry Punch, Alec Salt, James Kaltenbach and others that point out the health issues from exposure to turbine noise and infrasound. If you haven't, I strongly suggest you do. Research has shown 20% of people living near turbines experience health issues from headaches to the thickening of the walls of the heart. Children experience a higher percentage of attention deficit disorders and learning disabilities.

Besides health, there are a multitude of other issues including environmental, decommissioning and property values. Please look carefully at every angle. And please put a stop to these things being so close to people. Please put a moratorium on building even one more turbine until some regulations can be put in place.

Please put the safety of Kansans ahead of the profits of mega corporations.

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