

Re: SB279

From: Joe and Marty Parthemer

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We are non-participating landowners that have resided at our country home for over four decades. We now find ourselves living in the midst of a wind industry. Many of our neighbors are absentee landowners. They do not have to live day in and day out with the invasiveness of sound, infrasound, blinking lights and shadow flicker. We have eight turbines that will be constructed within a mile of our home. This is the data received from the county on noise level and distance from our foundation.

10.56 hr shadow flicker 48 dBA
Turbine #70 2487 ft
#68 2593 ft
#69 3039 ft
#71 3587 ft
#67 3866 ft
#55 4747 ft
#66 4908 ft
#72 5257 ft

We are pleading with the state legislatures to help the small communities that are being impacted. As you can see from the above data, the distance is from the foundation of our home. We are not talking about the distance from the property line. I may have sons or grandchildren that may want to build a home on our land some day in the future, but will not be able to because of these turbines.

If Kansas legislatures would protect the non-participants with a set distance the wind company could still have their wind farms, but respect people who are not financially benefiting. Our biggest worries are the health issues, shadow flicker, noise nuisance, wildlife threat and property value decline. We have retired and are at the age that we enjoy evenings outdoors, hunting and fishing. We are so concerned about the quality of life that we will endure after these eight turbines invade our surroundings.

When a wind industry targets your area, they are non transparent. It was in February of 2020 that we heard anything of the Irish Creek Project, an attorney stated that they were probably already visiting with community members in 2012. The county commissioners are helpless when dealing with Wind developers that have so much experience and know how. We are asking for major decisions from three commissioners that have no experience with these mega wind developers. The company knows how to upset a community with the big money and scare tactics.