

Thank you for allowing me to speak and for your service to Kansas! My name is David Fisher, I am a retired business owner from Centerville, Kansas in Linn County and proud lifelong resident of Kansas

Several years ago I was introduced to the wind industry when they erected giant turbines in Coffey County on my favorite public quail hunting ground, which has since been closed because of the project. I was taken back by these enormous structures and how they changed the character and landscape of what once was beautiful country side.

When a German company announced plans to build a Wind Complex near our farm in Linn County I took a keen interest because I had seen firsthand how they had ruined the landscape in Coffey County. Since then I have learned a lot about these so called "Wind Farms" which are not farms at all but truly INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

I am a full supporter of SB279 which helps me protect the value of my property. I want to address one simple requirement of SB279. That is proper aircraft navigation lighting which put simply only turns on the lighting at night when an aircraft is in the area. My family knows firsthand how Wind Plant lighting at night can be annoying and is light pollution in purest form. Our home is 17 miles from the Allen County Wind Plant and our night view to the south has been ruined by the constantly flashing red lights on top of 59 wind turbines.

As a former commuter pilot and flight instructor, I understand the importance of obstruction lights on top of 600 foot towers. But those lights only need to be on when there is an aircraft in the area, not all the time. The aircraft detection lighting system requirements as specified in this bill are a simple solution that is FAA approved and operating at Wind Facilities throughout the country. The states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Wyoming have made this type of system a requirement on all new Industrial Wind Developments. The state of North Dakota has made ADLS mandatory on all existing and new Wind Plants.

Like North Dakota I believe Kansas should make Aircraft Detection lighting a requirement on new and existing Wind Turbine Developments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME