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Dear Senators:

Wind energy provides an opportunity to diversify income to farms, ranches and landowners.

The more diversified the sources of energy into the grid are, the more stable the entire energy system will be. Kansas should be working toward being an energy secure state. We do not want to be known as a black out state!

On a trip to Texas, we saw oil wells and wind turbines sited on ranches along the highway. In visiting with the ranchers, the main source of additional ranch income comes from oil, wind and lease hunting. Houses and farmsteads were located within the property boundaries of the ranch. Wildlife obviously resides on the ranches for them to be able to sell hunting leases. One noticeable effect of the wind turbines was that on hot sunny days the cattle would be laying in lines, resting in the coolness of the shade created by the upright wind turbine.

This has become a property rights issue.

Kansas should remain a state where the property owner has the right to determine the use of his land.

Does the landowner really own and still have the control of his property?

Thank you,

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