

I am opposed to Senate Bill 279.

This bill would be harmful to the environment and the economy of Kansas. Senate Bill 279 would effectively stop wind energy development in Kansas. This is a very short-sighted plan.

Clean renewable energy is a must to lower our damaging carbon emissions. Wind energy is largely responsible for our 40% decline in carbon emissions in Kansas. Solar energy production also contributes to a reduction in carbon emissions and should be supported and expanded.

The direct financial benefits of wind energy development and production to Kansas counties and landowners exceeds \$1.5 billion. This industry has created many good paying jobs (9,000 direct jobs during construction and 12,000 indirect jobs). Our Kansas economy and our national economy needs this positive input. These are jobs for the present and future. Wind turbine technicians are a job in high demand and are projected to be the fastest growing occupation in the US in the next 10 years.

Kansas has abundant wind and sunshine. We can be leaders in renewable energy development.

We need to use our free, valuable Kansas resources of wind and sun to protect our planet, our Kansas economy, and the future for all.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 279.

Respectfully submitted,

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