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**VOTE No on SB 279**

Wind power is largely responsible for our 40% decline in carbon emissions. A new “Economic Impacts of Kansas Wind Energy” report indicates Kansas counties and landowners with leases will receive **\$1.51 Billion dollars in direct economic benefits** for wind farms operating at the end of 2020.

Kansas has benefitted from **9,000 direct jobs** during construction and operation and another 12,000 indirect and induced jobs thanks to this growing industry. Wind turbine service technician jobs are projected to be the [fastest growing occupation in the US between 2019-2029](#).

Key provisions of this ten-page bill include some of the most restrictive regulations in the United States. The regulations\* are even retroactive: **Any wind lease signed after July 1, 2011 is subject to a whole new host of rules, including being invalidated if construction has not started or an interconnection agreement is not signed.**

This bill is not designed to help protect the safety and welfare of Kansans, but to stop wind development completely. We need continued growth in renewable energy to support our economic recovery and protect our environment. Please **VOTE No on SB 279!**

Thank you,  
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