

Dear Senator Thompson:

My husband and I are proponents of SB 353. We support the setback distance for this bill. We are in a densely populated area for industrial turbines and are desperate for help from the state!

Please, as a resident of Kansas, I am asking you to protect us from industrial wind companies. In Labette County, RWE Renewables came into our area and started leasing land from large landowners. Many residents didn't find out about this until almost 1-2 years later! Leases had been signed, but the majority of them had not, and have not been recorded at the county courthouse. This keeps the wind company's intentions secretive, and starts the division of neighbor against neighbor. It is my understanding that the electricity produced won't even stay in our state! It will be sent on to another state east of Kansas!

Why do the wind companies think they should keep things secretive and put a gag order on those who sign? Because if they keep it a secret, and build support with lease holders, and they can bully commissioners into allowing turbines into the county.

Many of us in our county have seen how Big Wind has ruined the lives of our neighbors to the north in Neosho County. I am fearful for our county. Many people who live in Neosho County complain about not being able to sleep at night. As we all know, sleep is very important to our health and well being. This is a very real and legitimate health issue!

My niece, who lives in Neosho County, has a shadow flicker that comes into her home! She lives almost a mile away from the turbine! A family friend, who also lives in Neosho County, has a turbine basically right outside his back door! My friend doesn't have a lease, but his neighbor does! By the way, his neighbor doesn't even live in the area, he lives in a completely different county. I know for a fact, several of our neighbors to the north have 19-22 turbines within a 3 mile radius of their home. I will repeat that, 19-22 turbines within a 3 mile radius of their home!

I personally have driven to where some of the turbines are placed. When I get out of my car I can hear the large fans. They sound like a jet plane, and they are loud!

When my husband and I look to the north at night, all we see are miles and miles and miles of red flashing lights. We will be forced to look at these the rest of our lives! Red flashing lights don't stop at the property line of these lease holders!!!

There are other concerns such as GPS signal loss, poor or no TV reception, cell phone interruptions, ice sling, birds being killed, health, and quality of life issues.

Small rural area commissioners do not have the full knowledge of what these companies do. They see dollar signs and forget about the people who have to endure these monsters and

suffer health issues they cause. Commissioners don't have the experience it takes to deal with Big Wind and their tactics. Here in Labette County, we have one commissioner who is afraid to take a stand against the wind company for fear of being sued! Our counties are being BULLIED!!!

Our neighbors to the north also got stuck with 5 million dollars in road damages. The wind company there negotiated \$500,000 with the commissioners to be set aside for damages. But the wind company sold out to another company and now the residents of Neosho are stuck with the bill. How is that looking out for the best interest of our people?

Why must non-lease landowners give up our rights? These things don't stop at property lines. That's why it is a major issue!

My husband and I have spent our entire life in Kansas, preparing our home and had planned on retiring here. However, if we don't have some kind of protection or say in the matter, we may be forced to move out of state.

We have personally witnessed the destruction of Big Wind companies to our friends, family, and neighbors to the north. Please, don't let Big Wind ruin the great state of Kansas. Please, we need protection. That's why we are a proponent of SN353 and we ask you to vote to protect us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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