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**Proponent Testimony for SB353**

Chairman Thompson and Senators, Petersen, Francisco, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Fagg, Hawk, Olson, Pyle and Warren

My name is David Fisher, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am a proponent of SB 353. I am a lifetime Kansas resident. A retired business owner with a home and acreage in Linn County just west of Centerville.

I am a private citizen and not a lobbyist. I rely on you, the Kansas legislature as my lobbyist. I am counting on you for the protection of my property and safety. On this subject private citizens like me are up against well-funded wind developers. We don't have the resources and organization to fairly compete and defend our safety and property from big wind developments.

This testimony will address one aspect of SB 353, section 1, which requires proper setbacks of wind turbines from non-participating landowner's property. The bill requires a setback of 5,280 or 10 times the turbine height. This is not a significant distance when you consider the size of these enormous wind turbines. These turbines are 600 feet tall with 200 foot moving blades.

A few years ago I sold 5 acres to a couple whose dream was to build a retirement home on this property. A few months after purchase they noticed construction taking place not far from their new land. A 400 foot microwave tower was being constructed. Linn County is zoned and all the proper zoning laws were followed. This included notification of property owners within 1,000 feet of the new tower. The couple's

property is 5,707 feet from the tower. The character of their property was completely changed. The proximity of this tower crushed their dream and the plan for a new home was cancelled.

This is only one 400 foot structure that is grey and doesn't move. Not a field of seventy stark white 600 foot moving wind turbines. The point is, one 400 foot tower built further than the setback requirements of SB353 changed the character of the land so much this couple felt their property was no longer suited to build a home.

Opponents of this bill will tell you setbacks of 5,280 feet or 10 times the system height are too far and not fair to their industrial developments. Please consider the fairness of Kansas citizens whose property and safety will be negatively impacted by these industrial wind developments. When dealing with so many large moving structures 5,280 feet might not be far enough.

Support SB353 and protect the rights and safety of all Kansas citizens.

