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Proponent Testimony for SB 49

Thank you Chairman Olson and Committee Members for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB 49.

SB 49 would appear to me to be legislation that should have little to no opposition.

For Kansas residents who live in the footprint of a wind farm, the constant blinking red lights are a serious issue. For persons, like me, who do not live near or within sight of several acres of wind turbines, it may not seem like a problem. However, for home owners who live in close proximity to wind turbines, the blinking lights are a real issue. They disrupt sleep for people and animals. Additionally, I contend, that the constant blinking can/will cause headaches.

Those of us who live in rural areas of Kansas enjoy the night sky and the spectacular view of the moon and thousands of stars. Even if a person chooses to say the blinking red lights don't disrupt sleep or potentially cause headaches for some there's no denying that they destroy the opportunity of rural residents to enjoy the splendor of God's creation – the clear night sky with many, many shining stars.

My final comment relates to the time frame in the bill to install a light-mitigating technology system. The 24 month (2 year), time frame seems excessive to me. I ask that the committee amend the bill by reducing the time down to 12 months.

Thank you for your time.

I'm glad to stand for questions at the appropriate time.