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Farmers are God's Caretakers of His Creation. Farmers are supposed to Love the Land They Farm.

These abhorrent, objectionable Wind Turbines are neither GOOD FOR THE LAND – due to compaction of soils, destruction of farm ground (we need food to feed all the people coming to the United States from other countries), and the poisonous effects to the land from chemicals (Bisphenol A, the chemical in plastic straw and plastic shopping bags) leaching into the ground, the water, and the air as the turbine blades erode –

NOR are they GOOD FOR THE HEALTH of our residents – due to the constant noise disturbance (causing stress to humans and animals), due to the electromagnetic disturbances caused by machines this monstrous, due to the Bisphenol A poisoning from eroding turbine blades, due to the stress of shadow flicker (causing irritation to the eyes and the brain), due to the disturbing vibrations from machines this huge –

So, the least that can be done to protect the citizens living barely over a QUARTER OF A MILE from the base of a wind turbine is to STOP these hideous blinking lights – over 400 of them in Republic County, Kansas –

STOP THEM NOW !!!!! The wind companies PROMISE to install ADLS lighting, but no one is holding them to their promise and there is no fine if they break their promise.

The main purpose of our government – either State or Federal – is to protect the citizens of our country. The State of Kansas needs to PROTECT the tax paying citizens of the State, not harm them. The State of Kansas needs to lead the Nation by requiring that wind companies abide by some basic rules to protect the tax paying citizens. We don't care how much money the wind companies promise to pay to the community. We want protection. We don't want to be sold out for money.

Please do not let the wind companies set the rules. Let the State of Kansas take the lead in setting the parameters to control the wind companies. Do not let the wind companies continue to erect turbines if they do not abide by the rules. Don't let them promise to "fix" the lighting in two years, or four years. State of Kansas legislators need to take the lead and step up to protect their tax paying citizens.

Turn off the wind turbines UNTIL THE COMPANY ABIDES BY THE RULES and INSTALLS ADLS LIGHTING. The citizens of the State of Kansas deserve, at the very least, this protection AND they should have protection from Shadow Flicker, Constant Sound Disturbance, Vibration Effects – all things that will affect the HEALTH of the taxpaying constituents in Kansas, especially if the turbines are set up barely over a quarter of a mile from a residence, as they are in Republic Co. Unacceptable !

