

I am writing to ask for your consideration of a Yes vote to pass Senate Bill 279 out of Committee. My parents passed almost 2 years ago and I moved out to their ranch style home in the country 5 miles north of Frankfort. I have put a lot of money into remodeling the home and taking care of some needed updates on the 40-acre pasture that the home sets on. During COVID-19 the Marshall County Commissioners signed an agreement with Irish Creek Wind Farms. Because of all of the restrictions of Covid, there were no open meetings where the public even became aware of the possibility of the windfarms until summer. My parent's home is set on a good road with a scenic view, it is almost two miles from the small wind farm south of Beattie with 32 turbines to the East. The Irish Creek Windfarms will be set within 2 miles to the Southwest as the crow flies and will be at least 110 Turbines. My brother and I also have another farm which is non-participating southwest of Winifred, which is in the Irish Creek Wind Farm Footprint. From the house I will see Turbines at almost every direction. The S.B. 279 will help those of us that are non-participating land owners keep the turbines at a respectable distance from our property lines, and hopefully help keep the value of our homes and land from decreasing.

It seems so unfair that large corporations like the Wind Farms who are subsidized by the government can in turn use those Tax dollars that we have paid to the government and move into our communities to place turbines within feet of our houses and property lines. I agree that the participating landowners can do what they want with their land, but there should be some restrictions put in place by the State of Kansas to protect other landowners. I'm afraid of the destruction to our roads, to non-participating land owner's property, the health of our neighbors and to the scenic countryside that will forever be changed. Kansas has to make some decisions and not let these companies take complete control over our countryside.

I appreciate your consideration, you may use my letter in a committee hearing and I thank you for serving the People of Kansas.

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