

March 9, 2021

Re: Senate Bill

Dear Senators,

Please listen to our plea for help with the wind farm that is trying to move into our area. No one will listen to what we have to say or show them. The company is moving into Marshall County and siting turbines around Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism areas. Wildlife and Parks have a three-mile SUGGESTED set back. KDWPT has no control. They have one turbine placed 2,650 feet from a cemetery. The turbine will sit to the east of it and throw off shadow flicker when services are held in the morning hours. The company is siting many in the Flint Hills with no regard to the native grass that can never be replaced. The company is siting them close to property lines; the closest being approximately 509 feet. One widow has SIX turbines placed around her property: the closest being 619 feet and the farthest being 1084 feet. How is this right?

In the beginning stages, our County Commissioners assured us they would site each turbine individually, and it would be for the best of the community. Unfortunately, the County Commissioners had complete disregard for the non-participating landowners. We need to have a standard set back to protect everyone's property rights. The commissioners told us they would place the turbines "out in the middle of nowhere". That "middle of nowhere" is where my grandkids ride the Gator. It is where they go fishing, shoot their guns, and just be kids. Now they may have turbines sited in the area.

The turbine manual says that the employees should always remain 1,640 feet from a turbine unless they are working on them. Of the 108 turbines they currently have placed in Marshall County there is NOT ONE that is 1,640 feet or more from a property line. How can we live? How can we farm? How can we enjoy our property rights when it is not safe to be that close to turbines? There needs to be a minimum standard setback for the entire state of Kansas, so it is consistent to all property owners. Most people do not have to live by them, they just drive by and do not see a problem. This company has torn this community apart in a short year. Please do not let this continue to happen to other communities in this state. We need your help. Please, please pass this bill!

Sincerely,

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