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Dear Senator Thompson,

Thank you, thank you for submitting bill 279. We live in Marshall County, Kansas, part of the beautiful Flint Hills. Unfortunately, Governor Brownback did not include the whole Flint Hills under his protection plan years ago. We appear as part of the Flint Hills on geographic maps, but stand unprotected from wind turbines.

Our county commissioners are walking lockstep with the wind company invading our county. NO setbacks have been given. Because of the lack of landowners willing to have these monsters on their property, they are squeezing more turbines on allowed acreage, mostly close to non-participating landowner property. We are fighting the best we can, but it is certainly an uphill battle. We are concerned about health issues to humans as well as animals and the unborn. We are concerned about noise, both audible and non-audible, transmission lines and their inherent risks. We are concerned about loss of tourism and hunters. We have a lot of game in our county, and hunters won't come if the wildlife has vacated because of the turbines. We have Alcove Spring Historic Site and an original Pony Express station in our county. We have acres of undisturbed Oregon Trail ruts, some of which would be destroyed by the turbines.

We are concerned about the effect they will have on our cropland and pastures. Scientific studies show they dry out the land and cause changes to the climate around the turbines. Green energy...you've got to be kidding. They are not safe to be around, according to the directions given to their workers, yet farmers are to farm, ranch and enjoy nature around them?

What happens when these turbines need to be dismantled? The agreements that we have seen do not allow nearly enough money to bring the monsters down. Farmers and ranchers can not afford to spend \$500,000 per turbine to dismantle them. What if these wind companies are no longer in business in 10 years. We'll be left with rusting, dangerous towers.

As recently seen in Texas and Kansas, this is a highly unreliable source of energy, and an extremely expensive waste of taxpayer dollars. We should be investing in a new coal or nuclear plant, opposed to wind and solar. I think it is a plan to put us back to the stone age, so we are at the mercy of others.

I could go on and on, but I think I've made my point. Thank you, again, for your work against this disaster. Could we please change the license plates that tout "powering the future" with wind turbines in the background? What a misnomer!!! I can assure you they will not go on my vehicles. More political meddling.

God bless and thank you for your time,

Laura Musil