

People can do whatever they want with their property AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INFRINGE ON THE PERSON OR PROPERTIES OF OTHERS.

Please pass legislation to protect non-participating landowners AND to make the life of a commissioner easier by giving them set regulations to protect ALL landowners.

We are very concerned about our future. This is the family farm in which my husband has lived all his life. The past 43 years we have raised our family together. We love this peaceful country home. We are non-participating landowners in the middle of a wind industry. **We are designated to have SIX turbines within a mile radius of our home.** We understand that the participating landowners have rights, but it is NOT right to be so invasive to people who do not choose to participate. We beg for decent setbacks. We do not want to move, but we are fearful that the consequences to living this close to these turbines will be invasive and interrupt our way of life. A commissioner admitted to us that our home value would go down, but the land shouldn't.

~ Property Value Decline ~ Health Issues ~ Shadow Flicker
~ Noise Nuisance ~ Wildlife Threat ~ Quality of Life ~

We request that the non-participating landowner is protected by at least a one mile setback from a turbine. We have not been represented as tax paying citizens. The wind company is a mega giant that has the experience to come into a community and "divide and conquer" the members. I have witnessed a lack of integrity, honesty and public transparency from these developers. A lawyer told me that the company has targeted our area since 2012, and the first we knew anything about the project was early 2020. By the time we were educated on what was occurring, the commissioners had been swayed by the developer. They persuaded the commissioners that it was financially the best decision they could make for the county and even advised what lawyer to hire to represent them. These wind developers do not care that they are invasive to families living near the turbines. Our commissioners did not represent the non-participating landowner because of fear from Big Wind. They feared being sued by the company.

A vast majority of the investors will never live near a wind turbine (absentee landowners). Not many people would build a new home anywhere close to a 500 foot tall wind turbine, nearly 80% taller than the Statue of Liberty. A turbine would not be placed in the middle of Topeka, Kansas because of the people. We are people also and we should have the same rights.

Our biggest concerns:

- Absentee landowners are signing contracts for their land to be used so they can make more of a profit. They will not have to deal with any of the negative impacts.
- This is OUR HOME, one of our commissioners admitted to us that the property value would decrease because we lay in the midst of this wind farm. We are being hurt by others.

- The wind company is so sneaky and non transparent. The company has been in the area since 2012 and we have only been aware of being bombarded by them within the past year.
- The wind company has neighbors working against neighbors and causing distrust in communities that have always been there for each other.
- The county commissioners need legislature from the state protecting non-participating landowners because they are intimidated by these companies that have massive experience of getting what they want. They do not have experience to take a stand against such big money.

While landowners have the right to do as they will with their property, the county needs to understand and manage any project that will affect the entire county for years to come by representing all county taxpayers. If regulations for one mile setbacks were legislated the wind industry would have to work harder to find land that was not so populated, the land is out there and it is in Kansas Wind farms could still be established, but not in the midst of a high populated area. Please help to protect us.

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