

March 18, 2021

Dear Senate Utilities Committee,

I am a farmer and landowner in Marshall County, Kansas. I have been farming for over 50 years, including when I was a teenager. I want to express to you how important I feel SB279 is to the State of Kansas.

To be clear, I was contacted by a phone message about wind turbines on my land, I chose not to have the meeting as my land would place turbines too close to my neighbors homes and I wouldn't do something that I wouldn't want done to me. Your bill provides this protection.

In 50 years of farming, I have never felt so uniformed about a project that will affect myself, my family, my neighbors and future generations for 90 plus years. I have dealt with the FSA office and government programs for my entire farming career. I always have been informed about the programs and every farmer was treated the same.

In the Irish Creek Windfarm, I feel that the process has been secretive and only working with the landowners that want to sign a lease with the windfarm. I still feel like we are in the dark, not knowing any final details. I attended commissioner meetings, always lawyers, (contract lawyers and wind company lawyers) there and going into executive sessions. No transparency. I feel that this bill will help this kind of situations so much. A sigh of relief that a wind turbine will not be next to your house or property.

This bill, SB279 will establish ground rules, so when a wind turbine company comes in to your area, you know what your rights are and the same rules applies to everyone across the state of Kansas.

Please stop all construction of windfarms in the State of Kansas, until this bill has passed.

Thank you in advance for voting yes to SB279.

Sincerely,

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