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Dear Senate Utilities Committee,

My husband and I were born and raised in Marshall County. We purchased our first farm in 1977. We have been farming together for 44 years. Our youngest son has moved back to this area to farm with us. We have never experienced anything that has caused us so much pain, anxiety, and frustration as industrial wind.

We appreciate all of you working on SB279 to help nonparticipating and participating landowners and homeowners in the footprint of a proposed windfarm. Industrial wind needs rules and regulations to protect people and their property. We are not saying that wind energy is a bad thing, just that it shouldn't be placed where people are forced to live with it. We realize that landowners have rights as their land belongs to them, yet nonparticipating landowners have the same rights. Right now, as we have found out the nonparticipating landowner has no rights and no one to fight for his rights. Your bill SB279 will do that for landowners and residents in Kansas.

In Marshall county the proposed turbines are as close as 2000 ft from nonparticipating resident's homes and they can be as close as 550 ft to nonparticipating landowner's property line. The windfarm is proposed to have 108, 500 ft turbines and 15 alternates. Irish Creek Windfarm is placing too many turbines in a small acreage. Many non-participating homeowners have 8 turbines within a mile of their home! Bill SB279 will help many people.

Property line setbacks are so important to landowners in Kansas. We have three turbines approximately, 557, 830 and 992 ft from our property lines. Placing turbines this close to our property makes our property less valuable and assures us that our sons will never be able to build on our property. 480 acres!

We have worked hard, paid our taxes, and now are faced with possible noise nuisances, shadow flicker, health issues, decreased property values, and part of our property will no longer be usable.

Our community is torn apart, including families, neighbors, good friends—all because a company from Florida, who makes millions off the wind turbines, come into small communities, throw their money and power around. Doing nothing

illegal but everything morally wrong and have to answer to no one. Your bill SB279 will help, please vote yes. People in our state need your help.

We ask you to please stop all construction of windfarms in the State of Kansas until this bill is passed. We beg you to please help us, so Marshall county residents and all residents across our great state, do not have to live with these 500 ft tall turbines with red flashing lights, so close to them, causing noise, shadow flicker, decreased property values and possible health issues. These projects will impact Kansas for 30 to 90 years!

We thank you for all your hard work to protect our state and the citizens of Kansas with SB279.

Sincerely,

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