

Senate Bill 279  
Senate Utilities Committee  
OPPOSED

Dear Senate Utilities Committee Members,

Wind power has been such a boon to the state of Kansas and to so many of our farmers and ranchers who have been able to keep a steady income by having these on their property. As you know, people who still work the land are having a harder and harder time making their way and wind turbines have been a savior to so many.

Without extensive expertise in installation of wind turbines, you are not qualified to enact this change. I do not know what all they look at when siting a wind turbine and I am cannot imagine that you do, either.

Wind power in Kansas has brought so many new jobs to our state that are badly needed. This bill will kill those jobs and put even more people on unemployment. These jobs are also safe during COVID where many are not. The companies that manufacture and install turbines are very conscientious about their employees and about the siting of these turbines.

Turbine installers take great care to be sure they are all sited properly. These local companies have the expertise to know what is best for the lay of the land and the distance from inhabited structures. They know what they are doing. Please don't attempt to put unnecessary restrictions on what they already do so well.

We need continued growth in renewable energy to support our economic recovery and protect our environment. Please do not kill what many of your citizens are depending on for their future and what my children are counting on to avoid the worst of the climate crisis here in Kansas.

The concerns in this bill are unfounded and not worthy of your vote. You must vote NO on SB 279.

Sincerely,

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