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Dear Kansas House Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications,

CW Mill Equipment Co., Inc. is a 45 year old manufacturing company that has been monitoring the influx of industrial wind turbines in Kansas. With the major concerns that have been identified, we wish to profess our support of Kansas House Bill No. 2273 in regard to establishing a statewide minimum setback standard for industrial wind turbines.

CW Mill's first major concern is the health and well-being of our employees and their families, and we wish to keep the health of all Kansas citizens as the #1 priority without question. The individual torture associated with possible sleep deprivation and the negative impact on life in general due to relentless noise, infrasound vibration, and thrown object hazards associated with industrial wind turbines give cause to establish a safe minimum setback from all people.

The second major concern is the financial well-being of our employees. Since the average person's largest asset is normally their home, a sizeable loss to any home's value is a major problem, and Kansas needs legislation that targets the elimination of all uncompensated property value loss due to industrial wind turbine placement.

The third major concern is the negative impact on recruiting and retention of employees. Existing homes cannot be allowed to become blighted due to overly close wind turbine placement, and the failure to properly protect community assets such as schools, hospitals, airports, and regional wildlife areas cannot be allowed to make recruiting and retention of employees even more difficult than it already is.

The magnitude of risk to the citizens and the level of required technical understanding brought by these ventures is far greater than what most county and small town governments have ever dealt with previously, and the citizens of Kansas need baseline protection statewide.

Please, approve Kansas House Bill No. 2273.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Bergman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Brian Bergman
Chief Operating Officer
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