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HB2273 Proponent Testimony provided by Lane Dyck, Tampa, Kansas, Marion County

*"We live on the multi-generation family farm where I grew up. I farm and am a general contractor. In the summer of 2018, the Diamond Vista wind farm was constructed in our area. Prior to that time, we were approached to lease our ground to the turbine company but chose to not sign up. There are 5 turbines on other landowner properties within ½ to ¾ miles generally north of our house and many others farther away in other directions.*

*The turbines have been operating for about 3 months. We've noticed a lot of noise being that close to them. How much noise depends on the wind direction. It sounds sometimes like we are living next to an interstate highway. It just sounds like heavy traffic from the noise of each of those turbines. My adult son came over and that was one of the first things he noticed, 'Boy, those things are noisy!'. If the wind is out of the south we don't hear it as much because those closest 5 turbines are north of our house. There's also a lot of blinking lights. We have a shelter belt north of our house but we can still see all the synchronized red lights blinking at night. Because the closest ones are north of us, we don't experience shadow flicker from those. The ones east and west of us are far enough (more than ¾ mile) away that the shadow flicker isn't an issue. I think the wind project has sold a couple of times already and is now owned by Enel."*

*"Even some of the participating landowners were surprised how much they tore up their land during construction. There are people around here who signed these contracts without even reading them and they had no idea what they were getting in to. They're saying they will just have to live with it now. I think a lot of them thought when they leased their ground that they were going to get paid no matter what but I think they're finding out now that if their land wasn't crossed by lines, or a turbine didn't go up, they're not going to get paid. These people thought they were going to get paid no matter what, kind of like an oil lease is what they expected but it didn't work that way. There's a lot of disappointment from what I'm hearing from people."*

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