

Good morning I'm Alan Albers from Cunningham, Kansas. Thank you for allowing me to give my ideas about the HB 2273 Bill. My wife Kathy and I own ground in both Kingman and Pratt Counties. Our land was in the potential Ninnescah and Kingman Co. wind farms. We didn't get any towers or underground lines which would of given our family income for the next 30 years. We are happy for our neighbors who did get these incomes for the foreseeable future. In both Kingman and Pratt Counties locally appointed Zoning boards have set the existing standards for setbacks and other requirements to do with Wind Farms. I think it would be a mistake to usurp the authority of these local farmers and business people. These boards know the area and people and I feel they should be making these decisions which affect their neighbors and family.

The unreasonable large setback ploy was used by the Wind Farm opposition in Kingman County at one of the Zoning meetings. The Zoning Board saw through this ruse for what it was, an effort to kill the Wind Farm. If you should pass this bill you will effectively be killing the opportunity for any Wind Farm to be developed in the State of Kansas.

I feel that the central point to this dispute is that landowners should be allowed to do what they choose with their land, and not the neighbors making this decision. We were directly affected in this regard. We and ten other neighbors had decided to lease to Next Era, the company developing the Kingman and Ninnescah Wind Farms. When the setback ploy didn't work, the Wind Farm opposition went to what I see as a harassment and horanging effort. They constantly called the Next Era project developer and complained until he, in frustration cancelled the St. Leo portion of the Farm. Neighbors (some in their 70's) lost the guaranteed hundreds of thousand of dollars that their family would have received over the 30 year life of the contract. As an added insult two of those who were so quick to cheat their neighbors out of this security, soon took wind towers for themselves out of their eyesight.

I feel voting for this Bill would be a grave mistake and please do not vote for HB 2273.

Thank You! Alan Albers, Cunningham