

TO: Chairman Seiwert and Members of the Committee
FROM: Kermit Froetschner, Farmer
Spearville, Kansas Community
DATE: February 19, 2019
RE: **House Bill 2273**

We have lived and farmed in the Spearville community since 1964. We leased our land to Enxco (EDF) in 2002 and they erected a wind farm (67 towers) in 2006. The setback for dwellings from the towers was 500 feet from a roadway and 1000 feet from a dwelling unless we negotiated to put them a little closer to the farmstead. We have a tower 1100 feet to the northwest of our home and 1200 feet to the south of our farmstead.

There is no problem at all with having wind towers that close to the farmstead. The windmill "flicker" or noise is not a problem for us or our neighbors.

Kansas City Power & Light bought Phase I after it was built. Per our negotiated contract Spearville USD 381 received a sizable amount the first year with a 3% increase each year for 30 years. Ford County, Spearville city, township and hospital each receive monies each year for the Phase I 67 turbines.

There are presently over 350 turbines in Ford County and they all have the same setback requirements. It would be completely unfeasible and unnecessary, (costs to underground lines, access roads etc.) to have the setbacks from a dwelling or road any farther than our present regulations. To make setbacks any farther would hinder further construction by wind developers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I respectfully request this legislation not advance.