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Senate Utilities Committee
Proponent Testimony for SB353

Chairman Thompson and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB353.

Let me start by asking each and every one of you....Would you like to see these wind turbines every time you look out your window or walk out your door of your property?

I am against bringing wind turbines to my area of KS. The eastern side of KS is too heavily populated to be able to keep these turbines' effects far enough away from all residents.

They are a huge eyesore on a beautiful landscape. We live on a small acreage outside of town for many reasons, but one of the biggest is the amazing view we have, sitting high on a hill.

I have talked to some that are surrounded by these turbines and they tell me the daily shadow effect and the noise is enough to drive a person crazy. And of course they all mention the ugliness of these monstrosities.

Many times landowners are not informed by the wind companies of what will REALLY happen with their land, after they sign that contract.

My husband talks regularly with a heavy hauler who moves the cranes for the wind companies that are needed to put up the turbines. He talks of whole road beds being ruined with their heavy equipment, and that many counties are upset that the roads are not being put back the way the wind company promised! He also mentions how much they tear up landowner land, and those turbines go where they want them, not the landowner.

These turbines would absolutely not be possible without government subsidies. I do not want my tax money going towards wind turbines. They will NEVER be able to pay for themselves.

The small amount of energy they actually generate will not help Kansans. It goes to the coasts. Many people are ill-informed about this.

The disposal of these turbines is very, very costly. Their lifespan is only 18-20 years max! Have you seen the "turbine cemeteries?" I urge you to drive up by Iowa City, IA and take a look at just one of these ugly turbine parts disposal sites. I ask you.....how GREEN is that??!

A concerned Kansan,
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