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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to voice our support for setbacks from non-participating property lines, shadow flicker mitigation and lower sound limits on wind turbine development in Kansas. We live in the footprint of the new Irish Creek development. While we have enough acreage to host turbines, we chose not to. Now that the turbines have been constructed, we live with the consequences of the decisions of neighboring landowners every day.

The shadow flicker renders two rooms in our house unusable part of the day in winter months. In addition, we experience the shadow flicker on our yard and garden, which can cause headaches when working outside in the flicker. The decisions of neighboring landowners affect how and when we are able to use our home and land.

At times the noise is exceedingly loud: it's like living next to an airport with a jet plane constantly taking off. We have yet to experience the turbine noise in the summer when I expect they will be loud on a more consistent basis because they are situated south, southwest, and southeast of our property. Being outside when the turbines are roaring is deafening and uncomfortable. The decisions of neighboring landowners affect how and when we can work and enjoy our garden and land.

There are two turbines within a half mile of our home and additional turbines within a mile. The turbines are much closer to our southern, southeastern, and southwestern property lines. This means that if our children wanted to build homes on our property, their homes could be even closer to turbines. Thus, the decisions of neighboring landowners have negatively impacted how we will be able to use our land in the future.

Studies have shown that turbines negatively impact bat populations as well as wildlife. Again, neighboring landowners' decisions to allow turbines will affect farming operations and hunting on our land.

There are 119 landowners in the footprint of Irish Creek. Thirty-four signed leases, 85 did not, meaning 71% did not want turbines in the area. Of the 34 who signed leases, **75% do not live in the footprint**. Of the eight or so who do live in the footprint, several did not lease the land where they or their children live to NextEra.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage you to consider how the decisions of neighboring landowners affect the rights of many residents in Kansas and discover ways to mitigate these negative effects. SB353 would be a good place to start.

Sincerely,

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