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Chairman Thompson and members of the committee:

We are writing to you in **support of SB478**. This bill is necessary to protect the night skies in Kansas.

We have lived in several states and visit countless countries. Twelve years ago, we chose to make our home in rural Kansas because of the peaceful countryside and beautiful night skies. After living near Atlanta for many years, surrounded by air and light pollution, moving to rural Kansas was literally a breath of fresh air. We thoroughly enjoyed being outside all times of the day and night. It was easy to teach our children about constellations, the phases of the moon, and even planets that came close to the earth's orbit because we could see them all! Now we have blinking red lights to the west, southwest, south, southeast and northeast of our home from just before sunset to just after sunrise.

We understand that wind power is deemed necessary to support our country's growing energy demands. However, the blinking red lights ARE NOT NECESSARY. Installing Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems or something similar would not jeopardize the output of the industrial wind generators, but it would give us back our night skies. While it may cost the turbine companies a few more pennies, the cost would be just rounding error for these huge corporations.

Thrillist Travel says of Kansas in ranking the state dead last in beauty: "Kansans are a resilient lot, able to find happiness in life's simple pleasures. Their landscapes, which emphasize the latter half of "Great Plains," encourage this enviable character. If Kansans can love their land, no one else has any excuses not to love the bejesus outta theirs." Unfortunately, industrial wind turbines have contributed to the lack of beauty in Kansas by forever marring our landscapes. The least we can do is give Kansans back one of life's simple pleasures: the night sky.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Micah & Sonya Kee