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**Subject:** Silver Maple Wind Turbine Project

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To whom it may concern,

My family has a camp in Holden. We have canoed and rowed the ponds in the area, hiked and snow-shoed the hills and generally enjoyed what we have called 'paradise' for all our lives. Some of the most important qualities that make our experience whole and so special are its near-pristine and cherished vistas. We are not visiting the area to see wind farms. Nor are a good chunk of the 35 million tourists that visit 'Vacationland' these days. Tourism, being the 3rd largest industry in the state.

Adding these new taller wind turbines to the existing turbines will only add insult to injury - and on a larger scale. It will impact more hills, mountains, lakes and ponds than are mentioned in the study details. It seems many of the uninhabited landscape features in the area are missing from the study. Take Big Hill for example, which has some beautiful vistas. It's near impossible for an uninhabited pond or peak to protest such an intrusion, but it's exactly those places that make the area special and attract recreational users.

There are other less invasive ways to solve energy problems than installing these giants that can be seen for miles. This seems like a short-sighted project that will profit few and have long term negative impacts on the residents and visitors in the area. Just curious, does a residential or wooded lot property value go up or down if it has a wind turbine in its viewshed? AND, what will happen in 25 years when they have to be decommissioned at the end of their life expectancy?

Wind turbines have their place and it's not in vacationland! Don't shoot yourselves in the foot:-)

Sincerely and respectfully,

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