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Hello,

I wanted to offer my comments in regards to the expansion of the wind project in Clifton. I live in Clifton with my husband and 2 children. We purchased our home here specifically for the recreational opportunities provided by the many hills to hike and ponds to boat and swim. Shortly after moving to Clifton, the town overwhelmingly approved the first phase of the wind business. I was a part of a group of Clifton citizens who opposed it.

I want to make it known that I am not in support of wind energy here in Maine. I don't just oppose this project for being in my backyard.

As a fiscal conservative, I do not believe in the economics that go into the business plan for the wind development. It is not a profitable business plan unless the developer can lock in higher than normal electricity rates and subsidies from the government. This has a negative affect on the already high electricity rates that we Mainers are forced to pay.

As a lover of the outdoors, I do not believe that wind energy is worth the destruction to our mountains and views.

As a real estate agent, I believe these wind turbines negatively affect property values and the incentive to purchase property in the areas affected by them.

As a proud Mainer, I believe these wind turbines negatively affect tourism, one of the few industries left in the state.

I am in support of finding and using renewable sources of energy. Here in Maine, we have benefited from the clean energy produced through hyrdo power. I believe Maine took a big step backward when it failed to recognize hydro power as "green" energy. In light of the recent approval of the new corridor that will give us access to the affordable and clean hydro power from Canada, I feel that wind power is no longer relevant to the discussion of providing "green" energy to the northeast. Not only that, wind power cannot even be considered "green" when you look at the impact to the environment in the production, shipment, and installation of these turbines. The impact it has on wildlife is another concern for many.

I believe that it is too late to save Maine from the destruction of this wind scam. Hike any peak anywhere in Maine and you will see the impact on our views. They are everywhere! In fact, on Peaked Mountain in Clifton, you can look in any direction and see rows of turbines dotting the horizon. Albeit the turbines on Pisgah Mountain are much more oppressive to this view than any other. I am really quite disgusted that Maine allowed this to happen. However, you can "stop the bleeding" by not allowing any further wind development in the state.

You have the power to allow wind energy to continue to destroy Maine. Please, ask yourselves these questions:

Why?

Is is worth the destruction of our scenic beauty?

Who is benefiting?

I appreciate you taking the time to read my concerns. I will not be at the public hearing, as I have had enough of the stress involved with confronting my fellow townspeople in this debate. The local lake-front property owners now have a clue as to what these wind turbines look like from their homes and camps. The impact goes much farther than Clifton citizens. There are many lives that are affected in the surrounding towns and their voices should matter.

I hope and pray that you will consider my comments in your decision and come to a decision based on sound wisdom.

Thank you,

Stephanie True