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To whom it may concern:

I am vehemently opposed to the pending Silver Maple Wind Project representing in effect the 2nd phase or expansion of the existing Pisgah Mountain energy project. Silver Wind would more than double the wind turbines within 1-2 miles of where my grandparents established a camp on Mountainy Pond in the 1920s. Back in 2011, one Clifton resident described the 270-acre site on which the Pisgah Mountain energy project now sits, as "an enchanted forest." Of course, the installation of the wind farm destroyed all that.

Moreover, I have read that there are numerous local residents who have expressed concerns about the proposed expansion including those who experience sound from the existing turbines as well as the strobe-like effect of light and shadow caused by the turbine blades rotating.

Even if my property is not directly impacted, I am hereby voicing my opposition to the proposal on behalf of those neighbors who will be impacted by the project, and also in the name of preserving the remaining natural, "enchanted forest" nature of the region in which we live. The "build it, they will come" mentality will only attract other such wind farms to the area resulting in a disastrous impact long term.

I am all for wind farms, but this proposed expansion that stands to impact so many people is indefensible. Indeed, such wind turbine projects would be more appropriately sited in remote areas such as the northwestern region of the state that are not populous and lack a tourism component.

Yours sincerely,  
Felicity Hale Sargent