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Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed wind energy facility on Tuttle Hill in Antrim. It would be unwise to build an industrial wind farm on this exceptional and undeveloped land that is zoned as a rural conservation district. This area was set aside more than twenty years ago to preserve its natural character for the benefit of the environment and future generations.

As a life long resident, I can attest to the solace that these wild hills provide. If they were to be destroyed, the devastation would be felt by many, not just the surrounding residents.

I am a strong supporter of renewable energy, but I feel that wind power on a scale of this magnitude is very inefficient and causes many environmental problems that are rarely discussed in full. Many wildlife species such as moose, deer, bear, bobcat, etc. would be affected by habitat loss and fragmentation if this project was to go forward. Birds and bats would be killed directly from impacts with the turbine blades, and considering the decline in our bat population from white nose syndrome any more deaths would be calamitous for these species. There are also unique ridge top vernal pools that would be destroyed by the construction of these turbines, causing the loss of valuable breeding areas for a number of imperiled amphibians. Thousands of trees would be cut which would adversely affect the soils and hydrology of the area and possibly increase the chance of forest fires. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of explosives would be used to develop the site, compounding the effects of soil degradation and erosion.

If building this wind farm meant that a coal fired power plant would be taken offline I might have different feelings on the issue. As it stands N.H. is a net producer of energy and the electricity produced from this project would be shipped out of state so people in metropolitan areas would have the opportunity to waste more. No savings on electric bills would be passed on to Antrim residents.

I feel that this project is being pushed forward for the monetary gain of Eolian Renewable Energy LLC in the form of government subsidies. That money would be better spent on conservation and energy efficiency initiatives instead.

Thank you for considering my views and concerns.

Sincerely,
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