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Dear Jane Murray and NHSEC Members

Please accept this e-mail in response to your scheduled meeting for Antrim Wind Energy on Feb.4, 2013. I am in favor of an approval for this facility by the NHSEC. After serving on Antrim's Planning Board for a total of nine years (spring 2003-spring 2012) in various capacities from (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Member). I have been very impressed with the honesty, commitment and patience that Antrim Wind Energy and its parent company Eolian Energy from Portsmouth, NH has had with the Town of Antrim and the long process involved. Eolian started the process when I was a Chairman on the planning board. As a previous board member I know too often, the only information that land use boards receive, are from people or organizations that are disapproving of a project. Unfortunately it seems in my experience the people who are in favor of a project just are not as vocal as to those who oppose. So please keep in mind only a very small percentage of local people actually oppose this project and I have talked to many. It appears that various conservation organizations have worked out agreements with Antrim Wind and the property owners from which the wind farm will occupy for long term conservation easements that take effect mostly after decommissioning of the wind farm. Though I personally disagree on pulling out of service a known and proven spot for alternative energy. We need as a society that alternative energy is going to be needed for future generations, and so why do we pull out a proven site other than in essence blackmail to get approvals from those who oppose a particular application, this does nothing for our future generations ! I have first hand experience as being a local business owner on how difficult approval of land use applications can be, so again please be aware that opposing voices almost always are more vocal, but do not reflect the majority !

Also my residence will face directly at the proposed wind farm site and I do not see how the wind farm could effect property values and I am not concerned at all about my property values becoming less valuable as I know some people love the majestic look and feel of them and would purchase property to have the view of a wind farm. As with any property it is in the eyes of the beholder. This project should be approved as I believe and stand that Antrim Wind has presented all the information and studies that a application needs for approval and then some.

Thank You !

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