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To: NH Site Evaluation Committee c/o Ms. Jane Murray
Re: Antrim Wind project

Dear Committee Members,

As a lifelong resident of Antrim with roots in the town back to the mid-19th century, the owner of 2 properties on Gregg Lake, with a nearly 40 year career in the environment movement and now as Secretary General of the Global Wind Energy Council, I write in support of the project referred to above.

Let me state at the outset that I have neither professional nor financial interest in the project.

I believe that the financial benefits to the town of Antrim and the environmental benefits to the town, the state and the country far outweigh any of the many founded or unfounded concerns that have been raised.

I have reviewed the available documentation on the financial and legal arrangements with the landowners and the town and find them to be in accord with best practice in the industry both in the US and internationally.

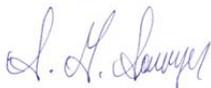
The local conservation benefits afforded by the project in terms of the easements granted to the Harris Center will be significant and long lasting, and far outweigh the temporary disturbance caused by the project itself; and the extraordinary due diligence in terms of environmental performance conducted by the project are exemplary.

The direct financial benefits to the town, totalling more than \$8 million for the first 20 years of the project, as well as the ancillary benefits to the local economy of the order of \$55 million are unprecedented in the town's history as far as I know, at least since the middle of the 19th century.

In addition, powering the equivalent of 13,000 NH homes with clean, renewable energy, resulting in the savings of 60,000 tons of CO2 emissions each year and ~ 17,500,000 gallons of fresh water each year are a small but significant contribution to the global effort to protect two of the most precious commodities upon which all life depends: our air, and our water.

In summary, I would ask that you approve the project.

Sincerely



Steve Sawyer