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Dear SEC Representatives,

I am writing to show my support for a thorough review of the SEC wind siting guidelines. Since 2007 EVERYTHING has changed. Imagine not updating you cell phone, your computer, your business. In 6 years technology has moved light years - so has energy policy. It is time to update the SEC siting guidelines and include the realities of industrial wind turbines in New Hampshire.

Renewable energy for New Hampshire is a positive goal. However, the path we take to reach this goal will define us as a state. Aggressive for profit foreign companies have set their sights on New Hampshire. It is our responsibility to make careful and well -educated choices that find the balance between renewable energies and preserving the natural beauty of our state.

The Wild Meadow Wind Farm currently proposed in Alexandria, NH is an excellent example of New Hampshire's clean energy, economic growth, and clean water policies colliding. In less than 6 months one of the cleanest bodies of water, Newfound Lake has been inundated by over 100 industrial wind turbine proposals. This unique location was not chosen by the towns people, or the state of New Hampshire but aggressively targeted by foreign companies because our insufficient energy regulations have left the door wide open.

In a misguided effort to meet our energy portfolio standards we are proposing to sacrifice pristine ridgelines around Newfound Lake that could result in surrendering the cleanest water body in New Hampshire only to offer a minimum and questionable impact on the world's carbon emissions. Meanwhile compromising our entire regions tourism based economy that relies on these unique pristine mountain ridges and over burdening one small community that already provides the Groton wind farm, two biomass plants, and several hydro plants.

A thorough review of the SEC process will allow our state to add renewable energy plants in a properly sited, educated manner that will balance our clean energy goals with our tourism based economy.

Please carefully consider all the options – including solar options, energy conservation education, and green building initiatives, all of which would not require us to destroy our assets.

I implore you to do what you can to protect New Hampshire's priceless lakes and mountains.

Thank you for your consideration,

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