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Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you consider proposed legislation relative to the siting of electrical power generating facilities in the state, allow me, a former resident of the Newfound Lake region and former member of the General Court (1996-1998) representing that region, to present to you my concerns relative to the proposed electricity-generating wind farm in the Newfound Lake/Mt. Cardigan area.

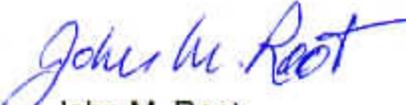
I have a personal interest in this matter because for the last several years my wife and I have rented a nice condominium on the east side of Newfound Lake. We have enjoyed our stays there so much that we are contemplating the purchase of a property thereabouts and becoming warm weather "snowbirds" and potential NH residents, taxpayers, and voters once again.

However, we are holding our decision in abeyance until we can be assured that this project will not go forward. I believe it will desecrate the landscape, spoil the magnificent views around the lake, kill unknown numbers of raptors, other birds and wildlife, diminish property values, adversely impact the tourist industry in the area and the livelihood of local residents engaged in that industry.

I note that the citizens of Danbury and Alexandria, within whose townships the project is proposed to be situated, have opposed it in non-binding votes. And when vacationing there last September and driving along Route 3-A on the east side of the lake, I noted opposing lawn signs on practically every property and no indication of any support.

As some of my friends in the area are aware I have a pet name for the Granite State, and especially for the Newfound Lake region - I call it "God's Country." And I remember many years ago when my license plate there said "Scenic New Hampshire." If these sort of projects go forward without consideration of the aesthetic damage to the region and the state, we can all forget that description for what has been a beautiful place to live, work, retire and vacation.

Please preserve "God's Country!"


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