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Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

In regards to the upcoming vote on the installation of the Antrim Wind Project, I would like to share my perspective. I have lived in Antrim my entire life, and I have been a strong supporter of this project from day one because I believe that we all have the responsibility to invest in long-term clean renewable energy solutions.

There is a common saying: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." Like many twenty-somethings today, I often wonder what kind of world I am inheriting, and what kind of world the generations that come after me will inherit. Can we do enough to stabilize the effects of climate change? Are we currently *doing* enough to leave the world better than it was?

Many of the opponents of this project have said that they support wind power – just not here, often because of the visual impact. Yes, wind turbines do change the view, but they do not ruin lives. To deny this project primarily because of something as subjective as aesthetic is narrow-minded, short-sighted, and not a good enough reason. We must think bigger. These wind turbines have a maximum lifespan of fifty years after which time they will be taken down. Particularly in comparison to traditional nuclear power plants and coal burning plants, the long-term negative impact of wind energy is minimal, while the benefits are enormous.

The Antrim Wind project is representative of the shifting priorities of Americans who want clean, renewable energy, including many in the Granite State. Currently, New Hampshire has committed to the 25 x '25 Renewable Energy Initiative, but we still have quite a way to go before that that goal is met. The Antrim Wind project is a step in the right direction and reaffirms the State's commitment to meeting these goals. In addition, it will provide useful income to the town through tax revenue, create jobs, and support the growing alternative energy industry.

But more than that, it is a promise to your children and grandchildren, that when confronted by the very real threat of climate change, New Hampshire took action. Larger scale alternative energy projects like Antrim Wind will help ensure that the beauty and enjoyment of our state's wild spaces and wildlife is preserved for generations to come.

I truly believe that the Antrim Wind project is a positive and much needed step forward for our state, and I genuinely hope that the SEC will approve this project. You have a responsibility to me, as a young person, and to all the young people in this state to effect real, positive change. I ask for action, not another empty promise.

Please, make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Enman