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To the Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of the Antrim Wind project. I was to be an intervener along with Benjamin Pratt but due to family and work commitments I have been unable to attend the proceedings. I have been a resident of Antrim since 1978 and have seen the town change in many ways. I have also seen the planet change in many ways but not all were positive changes. I am a firm believer of moving towards renewable energy. On a personal level I had solar arrays installed at my house that should produce 100% of my yearly usage. If the SEC were to deny the application before it it would be a huge blow to the clean energy movement in NH. Yes the project is going to be situated in a conservation district but I believe the minuscule impact of the wind towers is far out shined by the vast amount of land that will be placed into permanent conservation. As for the aesthetics of the turbines I enjoy watching them. I have been out west and over seas to Europe where wind turbines are prevalent and find them to be soothing to watch as they turn lazily in the air. As a purely selfish reason for supporting the project I would like to see the boost to our town's tax base. I am a home owner in Antrim and we need to encourage more industry to come to our town.

This project is a win on three fronts. The first and most prominent point is the move to clean energy. We need to look at the benefit of our society and planet as a whole as it far out weighs the visual impact of a few. The ability to generate clean energy for thousands of people should not be brushed aside lightly. It is preposterous for people to stand and say they are for clean energy but in the same breath say they don't want to see it from their window. Secondary is the large portion of land that will be permanently added to the conservation district for all to enjoy in years to come. Lastly there is the financial gain for the town which benefits all 2800 or so residents. My solar array is not the most visually appealing structure in my yard but every time I look at it I am reminded of who I am doing my part to secure our future on this planet. I hope the SEC can see to it to grant the Antrim Wind project so our town can do it's part in securing our future on this planet as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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