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Subject: Edited letter

I had to send in such a rush I didn't have time to edit. If you are able I have included an edited version of my letter just correcting a few minor typos:

Ms. Monroe,

I am writing in support of the proposed wind energy generation project atop Tuttle Hill in Antrim, New Hampshire. I realize I am dangerously close to the cut off for officially submitting my letter of support; my hope is that I am not too late.

First, I was raised in New Hampshire; more specifically, Hancock & Antrim, more specifically than that; the Willard Pond area in Hancock. Memories of my childhood spent exploring the woods, ponds and old dirt roads surrounding Tuttle Hill with my friends and family are among my life's greatest memories.

I am truly born of these woods and so I consider myself somewhat of an authority on both their value and virtue. As a property owner for nearly four decades I feel I should even have some say in what becomes of them; and I certainly feel I have a right to be heard.

Hancock and Antrim have been my home and the home of my own young son and I do not take the matter of this wind project lightly. I have been informed about this project from very early on. I have watched in horror as the local people of Antrim and surrounding towns fought this project despite the fact that we all; as members of a global community and inhabitants of this planet have a responsibility to invest in alternative energy.

I will never forget a rather candid conversation about the wind project with an old family friend who is also local; my heart sank, I became enraged as I listened to my friend whom I always thought to be forward thinking. My friend actually said, "I support wind, I just don't want to see it out my kitchen window." I was crushed. Angry. I thought, how can someone be so selfish? How can someone be so blind to the desperate situation we find ourselves in and how can they ignore the necessity to invest in alternative energy. My friend made no valid case against the project and ultimately caused me to question her morality. As I feel we all have a moral obligation to support such projects.

As the months wore on and there were hearings and more hearings where time and again the research presented revealed that Tuttle Hill was a good spot for it; that there would be little to no impact on the surrounding flora and the wildlife would be virtually unaffected I saw no logic in opposing the project.

Further, to learn that the people who owned the properties who would actually be affected by this project despite the potential installation of service roads, etc. supported the project made me realize just how ridiculous it was to try to tell them what they could and could not do with their own land.

I lived part-time in a small home at the foot of the main route up the hill; the route that the research team used for what seemed like two years at least. I watched them go up and down the hill out the

window; carting testing equipment. Their ATV's and trucks tore up the yard and we didn't mind; we were glad to meet the wildlife researchers and talk with them about what they were doing; my four year old son was most interested in "The Bat Lady". See, our family was invested. It was our family life that was being encroached upon. I couldn't sunbathe naked in the yard for fear of a work crew rolling up - THAT is commitment and we were happily committed and thrilled to be a part of it all.

Here is why: We need this small wind farm in New Hampshire; we NEED wind farms on every ideal hill all across this land. The time for waiting is long past and the future of our planet depends upon small but crucial projects like this springing up in little towns just like Antrim.

I have traveled all over the country and I have driven through wind farms that go on as far as the eye can see; tower after tower lining the hills in some magical pattern meant to produce the most relied upon commodity in the history of the world; second to only perhaps water - electricity. Do you know what I think when I drive through those hills? I think, "this community gets it." They get it. They know what needs to be done; they are doing it, no matter the view out their kitchen window. Do you know what I think when I drive down route 9 and see an empty hill where this little wind farm should be? I think, "these people don't get it." I think they are ignorant, selfish and I feel embarrassed to come from a community with people who aren't up to speed on the crisis of global warming.

In just a few decades we have become sadly, completely and embarrassingly dependent on electricity without having the resources to support this dependence. As a parent I have a responsibility to help improve and maintain the planet for my offspring; as a human being I feel responsible to all of my fellow human beings to do my part. This is why I support this project and others like it. My friends selfish desire to maintain the view out their kitchen window; which is not even on her property; technically, does not trump the rights of the property owners whose land is actually affected by the project. More than that; no one's baseless and archaic opinion that we don't "want that here, it will ruin the feel of this place" should not trump the global need for alternative power generation IMMEDIATELY.

Lastly, as I sat in those hearing and town meetings I remember looking around at all my friends and neighbors and when they spoke in defense of their opinion to deny the installation I felt sick as I considered that each and every one of them are in their late 40's and 50's or older; their lives more than half over. I then looked at my young son and the kids running around the gymnasium and I thought to myself, "this project isn't even for the people voting against it or for it, this project is for our children." I went on to think that while it's a morbid thought but an accurate one; these people will all be dead in 20 years and my son will be 20 years old and THIS IS HIS PLANET NOW.

I urge the powers that be to consider this fact and to consider this project a step in the right direction. It may be a small step but it is an important one.

This project is not about esthetics or views it is about staying alive and trying to improve life on this planet. It is about our children and grandchildren and it is about our legacy.

If you are still against this project, ask yourself: What is YOUR legacy? And do you want to be part of the solution or part of the problem?

Thank you for hearing me.

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