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Subject: Re: Proposed Groton Wind Farm

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Dear Mr. Drew:

I am deeply concerned about the proposed Goton Wind Farm. I appose it not because it will be in my backyard, which it will be, but because wind turbines should not be in anyone's backyard. By no stretch of the imagination can a large industrial installation towering nearly 400' be called euphemistically a "farm".

Vermont has a bill in the house (H677) that if passed will require a minimum setback of 1 1/4 miles where there is a difference of 500 ft or less in elevation between an occupied structure and the base of industrial size wind turbines, and 2 miles where there is more than 500 ft. elevation difference, as is the case in Rumney. It is my understanding that there are no setback standards in New Hampshire, though many countries now feel that 1 1/4 miles should be the minimum.

Some houses in Rumney will only be 2500' or so from the nearest turbine. That is way too close to prevent serious noise pollution issues if not actual health risks to the occupants. People living in close proximity to wind farms have complained of headaches, nausea, dizziness, heart palpitations, and an inability to sleep because of the constant loud noise. In some cases people have been forced from their homes by the noise.

The sound tests that Ibrodrola conducted take an average sound level measured over an extended period of time and compare that with their "worst case" estimates. They do not compare the much quieter sound levels of the middle of the night in a small village such as Rumney with their "worst case" estimated sound levels. And what if their estimates are wrong? At the very least, an independent sound test should be made.

Please follow this link below to hear interviews with residents that live within 3000' to 4000' of a wind farm in PA.

<http://www.keepersoftheblueridge.com/gallery.html> The interview is at the bottom and is called "Life Under a Wind Plant" **Life Under A Wind Plant**

Sincerely,

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