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Subject: Letter to Groton Selectmen

The Selectmen
Town of Groton, New Hampshire
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Dear Members:

If the proposed Wind Farm is built in Groton, I hope you will be able to sleep at night; the people in Rumney won't be able to. Time and again wind farms have been built too close to people's houses and people have suffered. Time and again the developers of wind farms have predicted that there would be little or no noise; they've said, you would hardly know they were there. Yet after they are built these same companies are surprised that sound levels are higher than their "worst case" predictions and the small amount of cash landowners and towns have gotten never makes up for the lost of quality of life.

Did you do any research into the effect of wind turbines on health? Did it even occur to you to look into the possibility that the noise from wind turbines can harm people's health and well being?

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 measure an average ambient sound level over an extended period of time and compare that with their "worst case" estimates. They do not compare the much quieter ambient 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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