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To whom it may concern;

Though I had to drop out of the hearings due to health issues, I am still watching the proceedings with interest, and as a dweller within the Sanctuary, feel that I still have a voice in the matter of AWE and their attempt to convince the SEC that it was mistaken in its initial evaluation of the proposed erection of an industrial wind project on the ridges of Willard Mtn and Tuttle hill. For all the reasons I set forth initially, I still feel that it would be a bad idea, and seems ambitious for a young untried company who apparently will stop at nothing to avoid walking away from over-reaching themselves. On a more evidentiary note, I agree fervently with Audubon, Peter Burwen and the alliance represented by Rich and Loranne Block, that there are so many reasons to put an end to this particular wind project, and that the SEC found two that they agreed with. If a utility with the backing of large amounts of money can just keep on appealing whenever they get an answer from an authoritative source that they do not like, what is the point of a legal process at all? I was glad the SEC voted on this in the way that it did, but if it had not, the people who disagree with the select Selectmen of Antrim and the utility would not have had legal recourse. We would have lived with the decision, possibly had to move, possibly had to lose the value of our properties as well. This not having been the outcome, let's just keep it that way. It also seems outrageous that the town can make a deal behind closed doors with the utility and muscle it through, throwing bones about small easements that will take effect after most of us have died. I find the silencing of the public in the meetings, most recently, a women being hauled out forcibly, discouraging.

I am not against alternative energy. I am against the apparently corrupt manner in which this particular utility has conducted itself, and I am hoping that all their money will not be effective in shifting the SEC from the position they have taken, that this project is inappropriate for this location.

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