

# THE LUKAS COMMUNITY

April 13, 2013

State of New Hampshire  
Site Evaluation Committee  
Attention: Jane A. Murray

**Re: Jurisdiction of Proposed Timber Top Commercial Wind Farm in Temple, NH**

Dear Site Evaluation Committee Members,

We take extreme interest in the question of jurisdiction of the proposed Timber Top commercial wind farm that is presently before you for consideration.

The Lukas Community, located in Temple, New Hampshire, dedicates itself to providing a quiet, fostering residential community for adults with developmental challenges. Many of our residents, particularly those suffering from Autism, are extremely sensitive to sensory stimuli from their environment, noise being the most invasive and acutely distressing of these to them. It is for this reason that Lukas, some thirty years ago, chose this naturally serene location for the four residences that have become life-long homes to its many residents. As the proposed TTW project would be in close proximity to our community, we request that the special needs of our challenged residents be given the special consideration they deserve. We believe that this is best achievable by allowing our well qualified local planning and zoning board members, who are very familiar with our circumstances, to maintain jurisdiction over the TTW application.

Members of the Temple and New Ipswich planning boards have invested literally thousands of hours to develop ordinances that apply to such large wind energy systems as those proposed. The purpose of those ordinances is to protect the health and well-being of residents, as well as the environment and wildlife so precious to us. Those ordinances were overwhelmingly approved by voters in March 2012. We humbly request that you allow our local authorities to maintain jurisdiction over TTW's project application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,



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Executive Director

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