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Subject: Moratorium on Wind Power

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am writing to express my strong support for the imposition of a moratorium on wind power in New Hampshire.

As I am sure you have heard recently, there is a very strong opposition to the proposed commercial wind power projects in the Newfound Lakes Region area. As a long time area resident and supporter of the beauty of New Hampshire, I believe that it is important that the state fully consider all of the adverse effects that will follow from the continued establishment of wind farms in the state.

Because the 2002 New Hampshire Energy Plan has reached the end of its planning horizon, and because the Site Evaluation Committee criteria for siting commercial power projects do not include consideration of the New Hampshire Energy Plan or adverse impacts on the local economy, I feel it is in the best interests of the State of New Hampshire to establish a moratorium on all proposed commercial wind power projects.

The purpose of the moratorium would be to ensure that issues such as determination of need, local economic cost/benefit analysis, and short- and long-term environmental impacts are all properly addressed before potentially irreparable damage is done.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my request to establish a moratorium on commercial wind power projects until critical planning and evaluation processes are established.

Best regards--

Christine Watts Johnston