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Subject: Opposition to Wind Farms proposed around Newfound Lake and in NH

Dear NH Science, Technology, and Energy House and Senate Member:

I am writing to let you know I strongly oppose the development of a second and third wind farm in the Newfound Lake area. Many of our Selectboards have come out in formal opposition to Iberdrola's proposed Wild Meadows project for Alexandria, Danbury, and Grafton as well as EDP Renewable's proposed Spruce Ridge project for Alexandria, Hebron, and Groton. I hope you are hearing from them and considering what this means to the local communities.

Large industrial projects of this type involving clear cutting and blasting thousands of acres along our ridgelines, widening roads, laying miles of heavy transmission lines and destroying our natural assets are not appropriate for a scenic tourist based area known for its pristine beauty. We need to stop this madness and protect our property values and tax base along with our tourism dollars. We need to protect our watershed, wildlife, recreation, scenic vistas, and our health. Wind is an inefficient source of power and the wind farm industry is non-self supporting. The developers are foreign companies here to take advantage of our lack of regulation with their predatory development while seeking the production tax credit. Our financial energy resources are being diverted to this very costly power that is inefficiently generated when the money could go toward better technologies. There is no benefit to us here and the power is being sold elsewhere. Any small financial incentive to the towns pales in comparison to the cost of what is given up forever. This type of development, spread out for miles along our scenic ridgelines, does not belong around the jewel of Newfound Lake. Not does this type of development belong along the potential hundreds of miles in the State of NH that the current energy policy opens us up to.

I urge you to do everything in your power to prevent the assets of NH from being destroyed by predatory energy development that is not appropriate to the vision of what NH is. Many of us who have come to love NH know it for natural and scenic beauty with unspoiled vistas and precious wilderness, clear lakes, abundant wildlife, and outdoor recreation of all types. Because of this we have a tourism based economy and a property tax that factors in one's view. Please urge the NH Site Evaluation Committee to adhere to the guidelines of RSA 162-H which state a project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics, historic sites, air and water quality, the natural environment, and public health and safety. Please express support for House Bill 391 to create a one year moratorium on all new energy projects in NH until a comprehensive energy policy can be created.

Thank you.

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