

wild meadows

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Dear Commissioner Thomas:


I am writing to express my strong support for HB580 and HB484, both bills related to wind turbines. My wife and I are residents of Bridgewater. As I will be out of the State on the date of hearings for these bills, I did want to write to you to express my support for these bills and urge you to also support these bills.

I believe that the State must be prudent in its overall consideration of wind turbines and their location. Wind turbines should not be allowed in areas of scenic and natural beauty. Tourism is a very important element of New Hampshire's economy and vibrancy. People from around the US and the world come to New Hampshire to visit, often to enjoy the mountains and the lakes. In general principal, I believe it is foolish for the State to allow wind turbines in scenic areas. To allow such structures in areas of natural beauty is short term focused, at best. Turbines are huge, comparable to building a medium size skyscraper. Look at any scenic mountain range or lake in the state and picture 10, 20, maybe 30 skyscrapers sized structure on top of of ridge overlooking one of of New Hampshire premier lakes. Determining sources of power and where to locate them must take into consideration the impact on New Hampshire treasured beauty. While not to disparage other states, building wind turbines on flat, open farmland has little impact on tourism or scenery. But in the New Hampshire where the beauty of our lakes, mountains and seacoast are important to the our State and its identity, it just doesn't make sense. I believe that HR580 and HB484 will give you and other elected representatives the time needed to carefully assess the full impact of wind turbines on New Hampshire and its scenic areas.

As resident of Bridgewater, I also want to express my strong objection to the Wild Meadows Wind Project in Alexandria, Danbury, and Grafton, NH. Iberdrola Renewables' has proposed and moving forward for 37 wind turbines that will be over 400 feet tall on the Wild Meadows site. The sheer size and magnitude would be completely inappropriate for this location and would have a negative effect on one of the state's most treasured assets, Newfound Lake. Just recently Newfound Lake was named one of the top 10 lakes in the United States by USA Today. A wonderful message to send about New Hampshire to people across the country and even outside of the US. Put in 37 wind turbines several miles from Newfound Lake atop the mountains surrounding the lake? I don't see that USA Today, or for that matter any other source, selecting Newfound Lake as one of the top lakes in the country. Such a development would be a shame, and a poor reflection on New Hampshire and the management of our natural treasures. Allowing a project of this type seems at odds with all of the other environmental standards we have set in the state of NH regarding protection of our natural resources. It is at odds with the idea of NH as a place to visit, relax, and recreate with unspoiled beauty.

I hope that you will support HB580 and HB 484 and provide the State with time to carefully review and evaluate wind turbines and where they should be located. Moreover, I encourage you to champion the position that wind turbines do not belong in the vicinity of New Hampshire's scenic lakes and mountains.

Respectfully,



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