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To the members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

We have been property owners for 20 years in Danbury, less than one mile from the proposed Wild Meadows Wind Farm.

My family is appalled at the impact that 40 wind turbines would have on our immediate surroundings as well as our region. Some of those impacts include:

- Continuous wind turbine noise degrading life for anyone within a few miles of the installation. There is mounting evidence of headaches and disrupted sleep from those living near existing wind farms.
- Traffic and noise from construction disrupting the rural nature of our area.
- Property values expected to decline by at least 1/3 based on experience elsewhere. A local real estate agent describes buyer hesitancy already.
- Forty wind turbines cutting across some of New Hampshire's most beautiful ridgelines, as seen from one of New Hampshire's most popular tourist destinations – Newfound Lake.
- Wind farms endangering birds and other wild life, as has happened at other installations.

At first glance, the promise of renewable energy from wind is attractive. But the power from wind farms such as Wild Meadows will not benefit New Hampshire exclusively.

The landowners are providing access to Iberdola stand to gain. But their gain comes at a considerable cost to so many more of their neighbors in the region, and with uncertain benefit to meeting New Hampshire's goals for renewable energy.

The Wild Meadows Wind Farm's negatives outweigh the positives and should be rejected in favor of a more comprehensive energy plan for New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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