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Dear Ms Murray

I am extremely frustrated and angry that the state has wasted so much money and time associated with SB99 and then, have the new rules not take public input into account.

Many meetings were held which many people attended; consultants were hired to listen to what NH citizens wanted... public input to the process and rules by which the SEC is governed. I understand that after even more meetings and more time, the public is being ignored once again. How can this be? What unfair influence has caused this?

For example, I understand that the private property guidelines don't use appropriate criteria because it only takes into account occupied permanent residences. What about 2nd residences, or structures which may house occasional guests, animals, art or yoga studios, businesses, etc. I listened to some of the discussions in Concord relative to this topic. It is wrong to not listen and not take into account the voices of NH citizens.

Also, I understand that these "rules" do not take visual impact into account which is absurd. The industrial wind turbines being planned for NH are approximately the equivalent of a 50 story building....about the size of the Washington Monument and about 1/2 the size of the Empire State Building on flat land. Does anyone truly want to look at these monstrous structures constructed on a mountain top, with obnoxious flashing lights? This image is a nightmare...certainly not in keeping with how beautiful NH is. Just think about how it will negatively affect tourism and property values.

These are just 2 examples.

I understand that Sen. Prescott introduced an amendment to delay the deadline for implementing the new committee rules until Nov. 1. I hope that this passes so as to allow time for the committee to really listen to the public this time.

Thank you.

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