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Re: Antrim Wind Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Realtor I have sworn to an Oath which begins in its preamble the following:

"Under all is the land. Upon its wise utilization and widely allocated ownership depends the survival and growth of free institutions and of our civilization. REALTORS® should recognize that the interests of the nation and its citizens require the highest and best use of the land and the widest distribution of land ownership. They require the creation of adequate housing, the building of functioning cities, the development of productive industries and farms, and the preservation of a healthful environment."

As a passive participant in the Antrim Wind Project we considered ourselves to be contributing to a better world by offering up our property for renewable energy generation reducing the CO emissions required of other forms or electricity generation. As stated above..

We all use power, more and more each decade. As a Realtor we still come across old homes with 60 amp service feeds. When we do, they need to be replaced with at least 100, usually 200 amp services for today's energy consumption requirements of an average household.

When we were approached about a conservation easement as a condition to permitting for the turbines it was a surprise. I am somewhat of an environmentalist and personally benefit from environmentally protected lands but never realized some of the tactics for preserving them. I am also a traveler and have seen these wind turbines all over the country and always feel good that we are producing power we need without producing CO. The only thing that I was concerned with is that the power generation facility only lasted 50 years but the easement lasted forever. What about my kids' kids need for power? Sure there will be other technology, but not on this property. So I feel it was a sort of a taking of our grandchildren's need for power but we went along with it because our grandchildren will also need natural space too.

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So I've learned that there are different environmental camps. My cousins, staunch totally left wing democrats as far as you can go left can't believe we had opposition from environmental groups. Neither could I. Here we are seeking to preserve a healthy environment and environmental groups are opposing it, crazy! How can this group even call themselves an environmental group if they oppose renewable energy?

While we may have considered selling an environmental easement in the past, because of what we have been through with this project we would not place conservation easements on this property without the wind turbines.

Without the wind turbines nobody wins. We will consider other development possibilities if this project does not go forward.

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