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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to comment on the testimony filed by Francie Von Mertens regarding the potential conservation easement on the 357-acre property owned by the Whittemore Trust.

The Whittemore Trust never agreed to a conservation easement on its property. It had been discussed, but never agreed.

The Whittemore Trust, through Paul, approached Antrim Wind about a possible lease on both properties – not the other way around.

The Paul Whittemore property was never discussed, offered, or open to conservation easement.

The current conservation easement letters with Harris Center and Antrim Wind are only being offered because of the benefits of the wind farm. Without the wind farm, no conservation easements will be placed on either property

I am amazed at how reports on esthetics can come out regarding how valuable the tree line is to the many residents and visitors throughout New Hampshire, but there is very limited concern for the private land owners and their rights to do what they believe is best for their property. It is important to note the property has been in the Whittemore family since 1954, and without any assistance, we have maintained an open use of the property, well managed forests, and wildlife freedom.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Whittemore

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