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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to offer a letter of reference and support for the Antrim Wind Project. I have been involved in this project since its inception and am an abutting land owner of the project.

I have had the opportunity to research not only this particular project but also the concept of wind energy in general for our country. I'm firmly convinced that this is one of the important ways in which we can become energy independent and not dependent on fossil fuels in the future for our energy needs. I believe this project will be a winner for the town of Antrim, the state of New Hampshire, and the wildlife of New Hampshire as well as those who support open space and green space for our country.

I grew up in a family of coal miners in Illinois. We lived a difficult existence and depended on our hunting, fishing, and gardens to support our families. When the price of coal was down, the mines were shut down and we lived off of our hunting, fishing, and our own gardens. This experience instilled in me a love of the woods and a love of open spaces.

I purchased my property in New Hampshire specifically to support the conservation of open space and wildlife in the state. I have hired a green forester to help design the layout of the

property which promotes habitat and have discussed its usage with the Harris Foundation. I think the objectives of the Antrim Wind Project are totally consistent with conservation for this area of New Hampshire and for our country linking together, as it does, a large acreage of conservation dedicated land and contributing to a wildlife runway for this part of the state.

As a US Air Force, Vietnam-era veteran, I want the best for our country and the best for future generations so they may enjoy open spaces, green spaces, and clean energy. I believe the Antrim Wind Project is an important part of the strategy to support both clean energy and open green spaces for wildlife in New Hampshire.

We need to see more examples like Antrim Wind of the clean energy industry partnering with conservation interests to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes – and we need evidence that these efforts can work in the real world. The New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has the ability in this case to help realize the fruits of this deep collaboration between the wind industry and conservation groups in New Hampshire over the past 7 years and not throw it all away. To that end, while I expect to continue to manage my property in Antrim as open space in the future, without the realization of the wind farm that will bring so many benefits, I do not intend to place conservation easements on my property in the future.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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