

Submitted via email.  
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Dear Lancaster County Commissioners/Members of the Planning Committee:

Relative to the proposed development of a wind farm in southwestern Lancaster County, I would like to share comments and concerns I have as a landowner who has chosen **not** to enter into a lease with Volkswind. My wife and I have owned 80 acres near Hallam for 35 years.

Southern Lancaster County has seen an enormous increase in acreages during the past several years. People are building beautiful and expensive homes on their personal "paradises," seeking the peace and quiet of living in the country. The substantial monetary investment in these homesites has added greatly to the Lancaster County tax base, as well as to the Norris and Crete school systems and the local fire and rescue departments.

That development will **stop** once the wind towers line the horizon.

Who would buy land and build an expensive home within ear/eye shot of one of those behemoths? Allowing a wind farm with huge turbines will essentially halt home growth and limit any future property tax dollars being added to that rural area. All residents, school districts, rural fire divisions, etc. that benefit from new tax dollars will be negatively impacted.

The towers will certainly not replace the tax revenue that will be lost by the lack of future acreage development.

Sincerely,

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