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Our home is our sanctuary. It is where we find peace and relaxation after a long day, where we raise our children and spend time with our family and friends. As a life-long resident of the Hallam area, I am sick to think giant wind turbines may be installed ruining our peaceful home, our wide-open sky, the value of our home, and even our health.

My husband and I both grew up on farms. We bought 4 acres of land from my parents, and we built our own home where I grew up. This farm land has been in my family for over 80 years with 3 generations living on it now. We want our children and future grandchildren, the fourth generation, to enjoy rural life. This is all in jeopardy if a wind farm is built in this area. At this time, Volkswind has contracts to place at least 4 turbines within a half mile of our home. Stop Hallam Wind has provided you with studies that show turbines should be over a mile and a quarter from homes. Volkswind is also asking to run their turbines faster which will make the noise pollution worse. Stop Hallam Wind has provided other studies proving the high and low frequency noise make residents sick with insomnia, tinnitus, vertigo and headaches. Like most people, our home is our largest asset. The value of our property will plummet if wind turbines are in our backyard.

We are not against wind energy, and the landowners signing leases with Volkswind USA are people I have known my whole life. While I agree everyone should have the right to do what they want with their own land, it is not reasonable when that action has such a negative impact on hundreds of families and future generations. It is not reasonable if we cannot build additional homes or buildings on my family's land because a turbine is encroaching upon our property. This area is too densely populated for a wind farm.

One of the Guiding Principles from your own mission statement reads....."Actively pursue input from interested and affected parties throughout the entire community." In closing, I ask that you consider the hundreds of people from our community that would be adversely affected by a wind farm. There are plenty of windy, wide-open spaces in Nebraska so there is no need for a wind farm to be built in this neighborhood. No amount of money or tax revenue is worth what a wind project will do to our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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