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January 7, 2020

## SENATOR STEVE WILSON

CHAIRMAN, SENATE ENERGY AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMITTEE

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to ask for your support for SB 234 to provide for a vote from affected residents. by townships, on allowing installation of wind turbines. While wind turbines have been touted as green energy and a responsible means of providing energy needs for the future, there is a price to be paid for this. On a trip through Iowa this summer, I was able to see the negative impact their wind turbines had on the beauty of the land. It is sad to see the great plains appear like a futuristic grave yard for metal wind mills. There are many small towns and villages that will be impacted by these turbines and have no vote on the outcome of the decisions that are about to be made.

I think we must allow local residents the ability, through votes, to determine if the need for new energy sources is worth the destruction of their land, scenery and way of life. Seemingly the only way to accomplish this is to allow townships a vote as to whether or not they will accept wind turbines in their backyards. I am against wind turbines as they are eyesores, are not a reliable source of energy and are prone to failure. We have nuclear energy available at a slightly higher cost that has proven reliable over many years and will continue to do so for years to come.

The more I understand the pros and cons of wind turbines, it seems like a very bad idea that helps no one but the energy providers.

We taxpayers must foot the bill for the incentives being paid and our land is the price. We should have a direct say in the value we get for that by voting whether or not it is worth the price

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for our township. Please support SB 234 so we can make local decisions on a matter as consequential as this.

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