

**TESTIMONY OF JOE HUGHES**  
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IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, I am here to speak against any revision of the setbacks for industrial wind turbines that would measure the distance from my home rather than my property line. I also object to any proposed reduction of the current 1,125-foot setback from property lines.

I kept thinking about that old phrase: "A man's home is his castle." I looked it up in the online American Heritage dictionary and the definition said:

"People enjoy the position of rulers in their own homes, and others have no right to enter without the householder's permission."

It went on to say that the legal doctrine is reflected in the Bill of Rights. "The right of people to be secure in their houses against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated."

The dictionary went on to say that this proverbial expression illustrates the principle of individual privacy which is fundamental to the American system of government.

My question is, "What are a bunch of Republicans and some Constitutional Conservatives doing proposing the seizure of the individual's land so that wind developers – many of them foreign corporations – can invade our property with nuisance noise and shadow flicker? "

Do they you think the term "secure in their own homes" means you need to stay inside where you are safe? Does it mean don't go out in the yard with your grandkids because the swing set might be within the setback zone recommended by Vestas as 1,300 feet?

The proposed 1.1x or 1.2x turbine height setback is a home invasion from a nuisance and safety perspective. It should be unlawful. I can't believe you are even here considering it. At a minimum you should give the impacted people a voice in local siting. Respect my property line and leave me alone in my castle. As Americans, our family deserves nothing less.