

**Testimony of Michael Shepherd**  
**Logan County**  
**In opposition to SC3504**  
**Amendment to Revise Setbacks from Industrial Wind Turbines**

My name is Michael Shepherd and I live in rural Logan County where I reside with my wife, Diana and my children. I am writing this testimony today to voice my opposition to SC3504.

Why do you have a setback in the first place? I would assume it is because you are trying to establish a safe distance from something that has the potential to be dangerous or disruptive to people or property. So, as setbacks are currently measured I have a safety buffer of 1,125 feet all the way around my property line that protects me from dangers such as a fire or blade failure and disruptive noise, flicker, etc... from an industrial wind turbine. Seems like a good way of doing things.

SC3504 seeks to change that setback so it is measured from the foundation of my home instead of my property line. Interesting. Why would a 1,125-foot buffer of protection be granted to me while I am only in my home? I certainly don't stay within the confines of my home 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Am I not important enough to have protection while I am mowing my lawn, watering my garden, or hunting for deer in my woods? What about my children – are they not afforded protection when they are picking berries along my fence row or riding their go-kart? This doesn't seem like a good way of doing things.

What if in the future, I choose to tear down my two-story home and build a single level ranch when my children move out because I have trouble going up and down my stairs because of the arthritis in my knees? What if I have a prime spot 500 feet west of my current home, but that now puts me only 700 feet from that turbine when I used to be 1,125 feet from it? Am I safe? The wind developer would not have been permitted to have built that turbine that close if my home originally occupied that place on my property – so now am I at risk of danger or will the flicker and noise be too irritating?

Setbacks should be measured from the property line and never the home. Industrial wind turbine setbacks that are measured from the home are the same as trespassing and theft of property.

When you create a setback that uses the foundation of a home instead of the property line you are essentially taking away that homeowners right to use their property as they see fit. You are stealing a person's right to peacefully enjoy every square inch of property that they own.

Setbacks should always be measured from property lines. It's a fair and common sense way of doing things that respects property rights.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to SC3504

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