TESTIMONY OF DAVID ENZ

Denmark, Wisconsin 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 my testimony speaks against any revision of the setbacks for industrial wind turbines that would measure the distance from a home rather than a property line. I also object to any proposed reduction of the current 1,125-foot setback from property lines. I want to share my story with you so industrial wind powered generators don't get improperly sited.

My name is David Enz. Our home is in the footprint of eight almost 500-foot-tall 2.5-megawatt turbines, five of them within about one mile of our home. The closest turbine is approximately 3,000' from our home. In the fall of 2010, the turbines started turning. Shortly after, my wife and I stared having health issues. I had blurred vision, head pressure, unsteadiness, bad enough that I felt I needed to use the handrails, and other sensations developed as time went on.

My wife started having problems also such as head pressure, ear pain and others. Her ear pain became so severe that she would cry because of it. The doctor could see no reason for the pain but that didn't make it go away. We had other adverse health effects, but this list should be sufficient to make our point. If you are interested in more about our story, go online and type Dave Enz or Rose Enz in the search bar. You also could search Shirley Wind Farm. I can also be contacted at this email address. wnddohurtfolks@gmail.com

We assigned cause to wind farm emissions after going away from our home several times in Feb 2011 for several days each. After a few days away, we started to feel like our former healthy selves. When we returned to our home the misery returned.

In case you are wondering we built our home in 1978 and raised our large family there. We decided our health was of more value than our home and decided to move out Feb. 2011. We have not lived in our home for more than six years even though we still own it. Many others in the area have also experienced adverse health effects that developed after the turbines started operating and some have also left their homes.

The physical and emotional pain this has caused our family is disheartening and far reaching. Our grandchildren no longer play on the land their parents grew up on. We cannot take them on rides through the woods or play in the water. We no longer have large family gatherings in our home, which was our tradition. I am still trying to understand how this industry can continue to place these turbines so close to people with all the complaints made by turbine neighbors around the world. If you have an opportunity, take time to talk to some of the affected people including children. There are lots of us in the United States and around the world.

Please don't let this happen to the families you represent. People are more valuable than money to most of us.
May God grant you wisdom and courage to make the correct decision.
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