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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to share my concerns regarding the industrial wind turbine development proposed for Champaign County. I would suggest you look at the title of the project: *Industrial*, for a rural community of neighbors? Too many times in our past we have "pushed through" just a concept without proper research, planning, and, if then, deciding to pursue with the appropriate development. No one would argue with a researched and safely planned development that is carefully placed in non-residential areas, not stealing from the historical landscape.

As a nurse in this rural community for over 30 years, we have struggled to obtain appropriate and effective healthcare. One of our most recent accomplishments is our emergency services, including helicopter assistance during accidents or serious illness from the Grimes Airport. Minutes do matter when your life is on the line and you have been injured in an auto or farm accident, locally. With emergency helicopter dispatch, they can arrive anywhere in just minutes, providing that stabilization that is necessary to save a life. How positive are you the turbine development will not interfere with our right to health and safety? Or will we have to say, I'm sorry there are turbines in that location, we will have to transport you by ground?

I hear the helicopter land/take off from the hospital frequently, to take local residents to the closest trauma center or to the specialist their diagnosis requests but our hospital cannot afford to provide. As a federally-designated Critical Access Hospital, it was a strong collaborative effort that brought the helicopter services to the Grimes airport. How strong is your collaboration for what is truly best for the *residents* of Champaign County?

Aren't you asking the wrong people (the local people) for the "proof" that this will or will not be a successful venture? Many other states and other nations have already tried this, what energy % are truly collected? Yes, we would all enjoy some freedom from our dependence on oil, but at what true cost?

Look into the claims of excessive noise, shadow flickers, and strobe effects? What about the increasing number of residents in other turbine placed areas with headaches and nausea effects?

Before allowing an outside company and most outside the community land owners to destroy our local environment, the place we all call: HOME, please take the time needed to seriously assess the claims!

Sincerely,  
Debra Dunham, RN

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