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Dear Board Members:

I do not feel that Everpower's proposed major utility wind turbine project for Champaign County should be approved. The project will benefit Everpower far more that it will ever benefit the residents of Champaign County.

Over the years many hard working citizens have made this community a prospering agricultural area. It does not seem fair that these outsiders can come in to our community and destroy all that we have worked for. We seem to not have a choice in the matter. Let's put this to a local vote rather than a vote by Columbus bureaucrats.

These wind turbines will be scattered over so much of our countryside therefore destroying the beauty of our landscape. It will be almost impossible to drive down a road without seeing one of these structures obstructing the view of the landscape. These will most likely result in highway accidents due to rubberneckers.

The bulk of these wind turbines are located so close to the City of Urbana that future development will be impeded. They are within a mile of our hospital where medical helicopters frequently approach. They are also very close to our municipal airport.

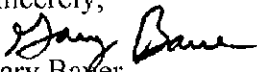
The location of so many of these wind turbines near residential housing is sure to cause a major drop in the value of our real estate. These locations will also halt new construction of housing and businesses which in turn will increase the real estate taxes of current residents.

A major project like this one should be located away from heavily populated areas, away from major roads, and all of the turbines should be located in one area and not scattered over an entire county.

Everpower kept the extent of this project away from the general public until almost time for the hearings. They recruited a large number of non-residents who own property in the county to sign leases before they approached local resident landowners. They then encouraged local landowners to sign up since it was going to happen anyway.

Thank you for your time in considering my request.

Sincerely,

  
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