I've lived in this area for 30 years and I've been following the Republic Wind project (Docket No. 17-2295-EL-BGN, Republic) for quite some time. I've participated in public discussions and directly interacted with the developer, Apex Clean Energy.

Apex has been accessible and responsive to questions and feedback. Overall, they have been very engaged with members of the community and are committed to protecting our legacy. As I've talked to my fellow residents, I see broad support for Republic Wind. I recognize there are some in the county who do not want wind projects. Fortunately, no one is telling them they must put a turbine on their property.

The economic, community, infrastructure and health benefits that would result from this project are hardly debatable. For these reasons I urge you to support Emerson Creek Wind.

Sincerely.

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