

turbines. We have endured sleepless nights, headaches, nausea, vomiting, episodes of irritability and extreme discomfort.

Now, I have a perfectly wonderful home which we cannot use for its intended purposes. (See attachment.) We abandoned it, and we now live in a temporary home so our kids could continue to attend the same school. Our house has been for sale for months, and we have no takers. Our neighbors have had appraisals done on their homes, and all of those appraisals have had severe property value losses with wind turbine proximity listed as the reason for the deduction. It is hard to describe the hurt and anger we feel each time we pass by our perfectly wonderful home (except for the nearby wind turbines) on our way to and from work each day.

For the sake of protecting the health of rural residents and to protect the investment of land and homes, please do not approve any wind turbine placements within a half mile of a home. This low frequency noise issue has become the unsolved unintended consequence which causes a great health impact for neighbors. Our experience is not unique in any way as there are hundreds of households who have reported the same or amazingly similar experiences in their homes. Please follow the World Health Organization and US EPA noise standards for the noise limits to maintain healthy sleep for children. Please consider the noise reports from Steve Ambrose, Rob Rand, Rick James, Dr. Moeller, Dr. Salt, and others who have proven that the low frequency noise is a common denominator to the sleep deprivation health impacts. If you do not follow those tried and true standards, you will be allowing an industry to have rubber-stamped permission to take the health of Greenwich residents. Other wind turbine noise victims who have been outspoken like us include Dave Enz, Cary Shineldecker, Gina Isabelli, Dave and Jean Miles, Barbara Draper, LuAnne Therrien, Sue Hobart, etc, etc.

The wind industry still cloaks themselves in a layer of denial. Human populations have recognized the connection with cigarette smoke, lead paint, PCB's, asbestos, DDT, and other harmful things which started out as "harmless/helpful/enjoyable" things which satisfied us with entertainment, non-fading long lasting surface paint, helpful chemical compounds, pesticides, etc. In these cases, it took too long for the general population to demand a corrective action to protect ourselves and the environment around us.

After reading this, ask yourself if you would live within a wind energy complex and expose yourselves and your loved ones to the constant presence of wind turbines and their negative affects. Please be compelled to accept my personal experience as the truth. I have nothing to gain by contacting you, financially or otherwise, except to make my best effort to convince you to NOT hurt families by condemning them with industrial wind turbine noise. I am not paid and have not received any promises of payment for any of my efforts to share the details and facts about our situation. I do this so that the sacrifices of my family are used to help others.

My contact information is below if you have any questions or would like to verify any of this information and statements. I attached a handout which shows photos and explanations of more specific details about the issues we encountered. Please do not approve any wind turbine placements near anyone's home. Doing this to them is absolutely wrong.

Best regards,

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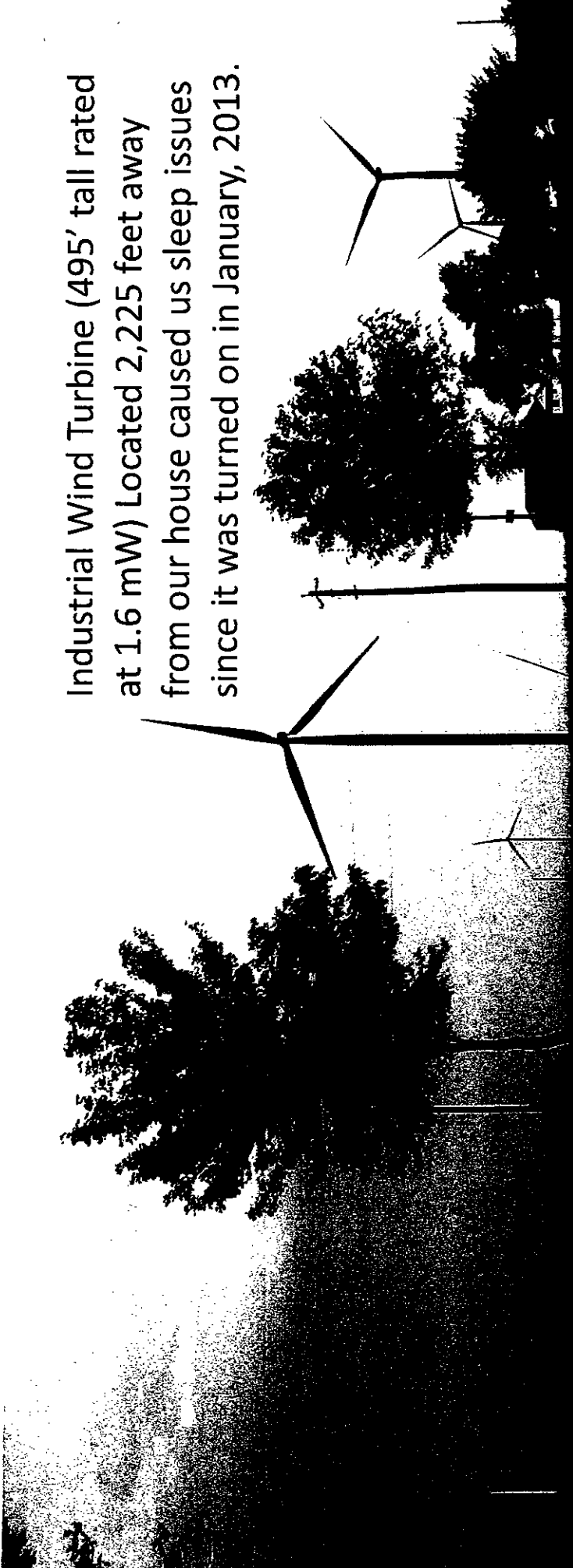
From January to May, InveEnergy operators shut down their turbines 51 times when the noise was so bad we could not sleep. In May, InveEnergy stopped providing any relief, and we were forced to abandon all bedrooms. Asking a control room operator to let us sleep in my own home 51 times and then being refused any relief has been devastating. The use of my home has been stolen because of inadequate protection from noise.

495' tall 1.6 mW
Wind Turbine is
1,665 Feet Away



6 year old
Girl's bedroom
Mom and Dad's
Bedroom

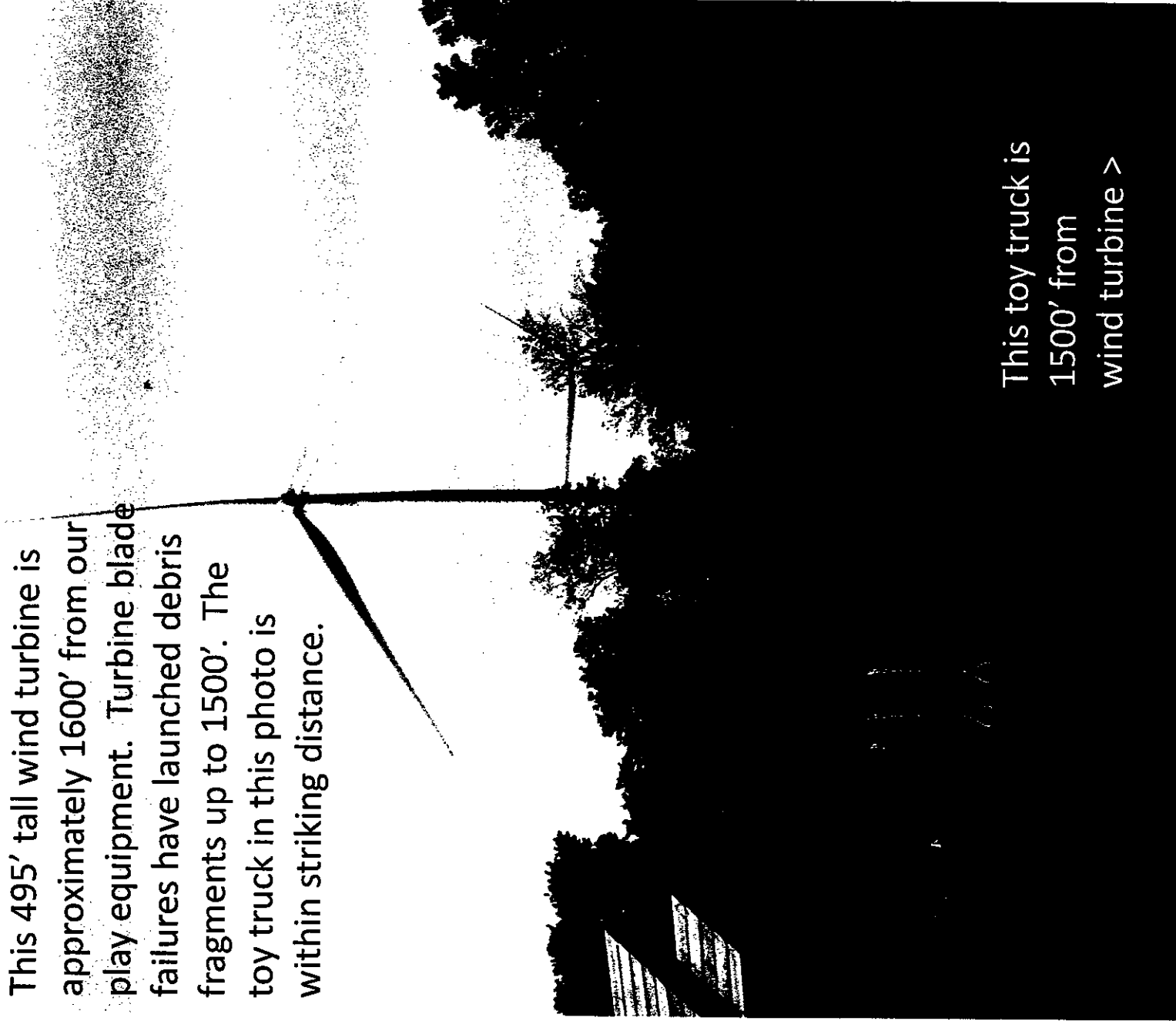
This happened to Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hartke family, the children and grandchildren of Illinois Farm Bureau Effingham County Past-President Phil Hartke. Phil has purchased sound equipment which can reproduce the type of noise these turbines create. For questions or an opportunity to hear and feel how wind turbine noise may affect you, please call him at 217.821.3126 for more details or to schedule a presentation for your group. Please share this information with your friends, family, and community leaders before it is too late.



Industrial Wind Turbine (495' tall rated at 1.6 mW) Located 2,225 feet away from our house caused us sleep issues since it was turned on in January, 2013.

Before we abandoned our home, we tried sleeping with our beds set up in the living room. We tried this from the beginning of October until Dec 20th, 2013. Sophia tried to wear her headphones to bed a few nights earlier last summer. It did not work. Should young children have to try to use headphones or ear plugs to sleep in their beds? She is living proof that wind turbines are too noisy to be 2,225 feet away from our home. Our community was misled into making poor decisions which hurt the health and financial well-being of my family. Let's keep this from happening in your county and throughout Illinois. Please help by sharing this information with your local, state, and federal representatives. Ted and Jessica Hartke

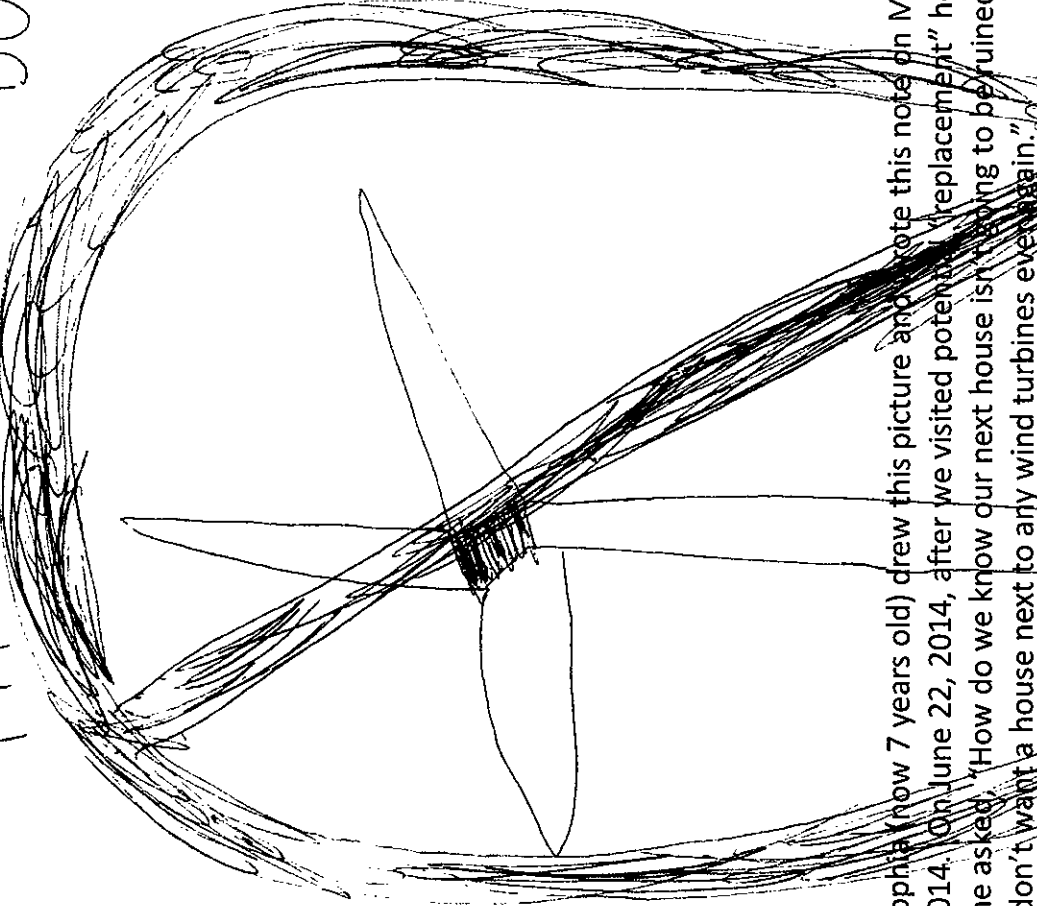
This 495' tall wind turbine is approximately 1600' from our play equipment. Turbine blade failures have launched debris fragments up to 1500'. The toy truck in this photo is within striking distance.



This toy truck is
1500' from
wind turbine >

Many days, before the turbines turned on, our kids enjoyed this playhouse. They no longer enjoy the cool breeze outside because those days are now filled with constant noise from wind turbines. Our enjoyment of the backyard, garden, outbuildings, treehouse, and creekbed has been taken away and replaced with nausea, headaches, irritability, and stress. When weather conditions are right, these roar like jet planes. Our children used to be happy as long as they were outdoors, but not any more. Wind turbines are hard on children, pets, parents, and even our marriage. Two of the turbines within 5 miles of us have had massive blade failures, and there is real danger when they are operating.

These are bad!



Sophia (now 7 years old) drew this picture and wrote this note on March 6, 2014. On June 22, 2014, after we visited potential "replacement" homes, she asked, "How do we know our next house isn't going to be ruined, too? I don't want a house next to any wind turbines ever again."

As much as we have tried to protect our kids from causing the worry and stress, it is impossible to insulate them from what has happened. We are saddened by how much ridicule and attack we have experienced for "putting our kids through this" and "having our kids fight these battles for us." If you can help your community avoid this dilemma from happening to local children and parents, please take steps to make sure wind companies certify that placement of turbines will not interrupt healthy sleep in the surrounding homes. Our property and our children's bedrooms should not be used as industrial noise easement areas.

by Sophia Ryth Hartke

You may think

windtubins are

but when you have

fifty by your home

you can't sleep in

your own room and you

try to sleep but

you can't because

of the windturbins

move in. I had to

home into a mobile

dad and brother plus my mom

me could't sleep