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**2007-08**

(session year)

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Commerce, Utilities and Rail  
(SC-CUR)**

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**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

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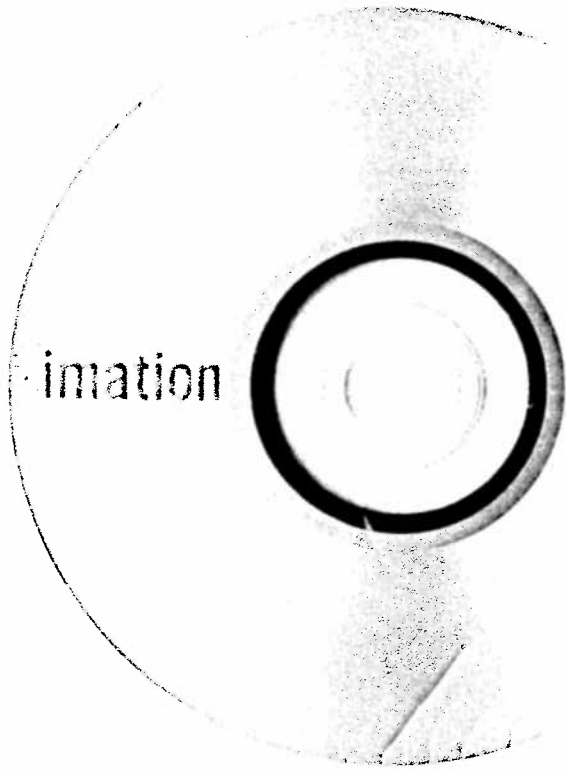
Dear Committee members:

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2008

I would like give you a little background on the Video that you currently have in your possession. I am a member of the Calumet County, Wisconsin Wind Turbine Ordinance Ad-Hoc committee. This committee was established by Calumet County Board Chairman Merlin Gentz, to assist the County Board. We are to review the current County Wind Ordinance Chapter 79 and make recommendations on changes that we feel may be needed. I also serve as the Co-Chairman of the Wind Energy Systems Advisory Committee for the Township of Chilton. My goal was is gather as much information as possible to make the right decision on how to ensure all of the citizens in Calumet County are protected.

Our Ad-hoc committee Chairman Merlin Gentz, had asked that we be provided with a bus trip to see different Industrial Wind Turbines located around the Mid West. He wanted this trip to be funded by the County so that it would not be controlled by any outside influences. He felt that when funding came from an outside source that has a monetary stake in the outcome, our committee's decisions may be lead astray. Merlin stressed that we needed to be able to go to these Wind Farms and stop when and where we wanted to. This would allow our committee to view and hear the turbines at different times of the day and at different wind speeds. We also were told this would allow for us to stop and talk with landowners in the area. It was Merlin's intent to just pull up to someone's home and knock on their door. Then we would ask permission to talk with them about their own personal feeling about living in the midst of Wind Turbines. Merlin tried hard to get the funding for this but was unsuccessful. Many of the members of the Ad Hoc committee had to go on a planned bus trip that was funded by Eco Energy and Clean WI. I know many of those who attended did take Merlin's advice and kept a wary eye to the location of the viewing center compared to the turbines. Another factor which we were told to be aware of was the wind speeds and location of the sun. At the time of the visit the wind speed was 15 to 20 Mph and the sun was located high overhead.

I have a brother-in law who lives in Mendota IL. My family decided that if we were going to make a couple of hundred mile trip to central IL we would go on our own. It was my intentions to do what Merlin said should be done to really get a feel for what it likes to live amongst these 400 foot wind turbines. After stopping and viewing different wind farms on Friday we stayed over night at my brother-in laws. We arrived at the Crescent Ridge Wind Farm mid morning on Saturday. I took Merlin's advice and knocked on doors till we were able to find someone home. We than asked if it were possible to talk with him about his feeling about how the turbines had affected their families life. The land owner said, yes he was willing to answer our questions, but he did request that at I do not use his name in the video. He said he has many friends in the area and just wanted to be honest about his family's experiences. We spent over 1½ hours with his family just talking about how there lives have been changed and what we should look for if and when these Turbines come to our area. We then met the buses and completed the tour with them. Sincerely Concerned with our world: Dan Hedrich 920-849-9560



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