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2009-10

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**Committee on ... Commerce, Utilities, Energy, &
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- David Gonzalez, Reedsburg — Planet Turbine
- Yochi Kyori, Merrimac — Planet Turbine
- Curt Bjurlin, Madison — EcoEnergy
- John Meyers, Barneveld
- Tom Green — Wind Capital Group
- Jim Connors, Madison — Sierra Club
- Ryan Schryver, Madison — Clean Wisconsin
- Paul Fisk, Lodi — Lodi Utilities
- Andy Olsen, Madison
- Karen Stevenson, Madison
- Erik Zorb, Mt. Horeb — Zoreb RE, LLC

Appearances Against

- Bob Welch — CWEST
- Jerry Derr, Columbus — Wisconsin Towns Association
- Kendall Schneider, Evansville
- Bob Ziegelbauer, Madison — Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly
- Gerry Meyer, Brownsville
- Larry Wunsch, Brownsville
- Ann Wirtz, Oakfield
- Daniel Hedrich, Chilton
- Gerhald Hansel, Appleton
- Dave Vind, Arcadia
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- Damon Reabe, Waupun — Reabe Spraying Service
- Gary Steinich, Cambria — WCAW / CWEST
- Bruce Dahlka, Malone
- Pat Laughlin, Hilbert
- Chuck Schneider, Chilton
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- Sharon Wunsch, Brownsville
- Jeffrey Bump, Cambria
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- Lil Pipping, Elkhart Lake
- Scott Chase, Cambria
- Jenna Klar, Platteville
- Carrie Klar, Platteville
- Susan Klar, Platteville
- Emily Klar, Platteville
- Patrick Klar, Platteville

- Martin Rudy, Chilton
- Ric Van Sistine , Hilbert
- Betty Wolcott, OSF, Osseo — The Woodlands
- Irene Senn, West Allis — Sisters of St. Francis Assisi
- Dean Anhalt, Mishicot
- Lynn Korinek, Mishicot
- Jerome Hlinale, Two Rivers — Wind COWS
- Elizabeth Ebertz, St. Cloud
- Kathleen Weber, Malone — Town of Calumet
- Donald Reimer, Ettrick
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- James Deuth, Arlington
- Sue Deuth, Arlington — Wisconsin Taxpayer
- Lori McIlrath, Arlington — WI Taxpayers
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- Larry Lamont, Malone — CWEST
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- Joseph Nelesen, Chilton — CCCRE
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- Tony Leonard, Eden — Town of Forest
- Cheryl Leonard, Eden
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- Jeff Roberts, Mishicot
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Application/ Wind Advisory Committee Member
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- Dennis Malchow, Campbellsport
- Curt Kindschuh, Brownsville
- Lynda Barry-Kawula, Brodhead
- Kevin Kawula, Brodhead — Town of Spring Valley
- David Olsen, Evansville — Town of Magnolia Board
- Jim Bembinster, Evansville
- Cathy Bembinster, Evansville

Appearances for Information Only

- Glen Schwalbach, DePere
- Monica Groves Batiza, Madison — Wisconsin Counties Association

Registrations For

- Besty Abramson, Madison
- Joe Alt, Cuba City
- Steve Anderson, Madison — Johnson Controls
- Scott Arnold, Twin Lakes — Local 139
- Becky Bains, Deerfield
- Ed Blume, Madison — Madison Real Oil Group, Inc.
- Jeff Blume, Madison
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- Dan Burke, Madison
- Hillary Carroll, Madison
- Jason Childress, Madison — ATC
- William Dean, Madison
- Bob Dei, Appleton
- Chris Deisinger, Madison
- Dana Dentice, Madison
- Roger Diehl, Madison
- Mary Lou Diehl, Madison
- Nicole Diol, Madison
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- Brenda Donar, Cuba City
- Meghan Donar, Cuba City
- Dave Drapac, Madison — Seventh Generation Energy Systems
- Kim Eagan, Middleton — White Oak Wind
- Dan Ebert — WPPI Energy
- Mark Edge, Madison

- Gerald Flakas, Delafield
- Al Fogel, Genoa — IUOE 139
- Matt Frank — Secretary, Wisconsin DNR
- John Frazz, Monroe — Renew Wisconsin
- Jessica Garrels, Madison
- Mark Gauf, Reedsburg — Local 139
- Jennifer Giegerich, Madison — WI League of Conservation Voters
- Karl Grunewald, Cedarburg
- Gary Haltaufderheide, Sun Prairie
- Paul Heinen — Wisconsin DNR
- Jenny Heinzen, Manitowoc
- Ann Hippensteel, Sturgeon Bay
- Mark Hirsch, Platteville
- Randy Hopper — Senator
- Emily Jenner, Madison
- Greg Jostens, Combined Locks — Orion Construction
- Robb Kahl, Madison — Construction Business Group
- Andrea Kaminski, Madison — League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund
- Peter Kammer — (CREWE) Clean Responsible Energy for Wisconsin's Economy
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- Steven Kerr, Hartland
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- Amy Klusmeier, Madison
- Judith Knight, Milwaukee
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- Dylan Kox, Madison
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- Troy Littlejohn, LaCrosse — Operating Engineers
- Kiril Lozanov, Madison
- Jeff Lyon, Madison — Wisconsin Farm Bureau
- Travis Martrahl, Hartford — Operating Engineers
- Kate Mast, Madison — EcoEnergy
- Bill McClenahan, Madison — Invenergy Wind LLC
- Bill McClenahan, Madison — Forest County Potawatomi
- Mark McFadden, Madison
- Gaelen McFadden, Madison
- James Melcher, Madison — Laborers 464
- Scott Meske, Sun Prairie — Municipal Electrical Utilities of Wisconsin

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- David Pribnow, Fond du Lac — Local 139 Operating Engineers
- Jayce Redmer, Waterford — Local 139
- Mark Redsten, Madison
- Darren Rohde, Twin Lakes — Local 139
- Mark Roman, Madison
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- Kerry Schumann, Madison
- Sarah Schwenker, Milwaukee
- Thomas Seiler, Manitowoc — Operating Engineers
- Noah Seligman, Madison — Wind on the Wires
- Andrew Selk, Madison
- Hugh and Rebecca Severson, Galesville
- Megan Severson, Galesville
- Leonard Shelton, Prairie du Sac
- Judy Skog, Madison
- Wes Slaymaker, Madison — WES Engineering LLC
- Daniel Sobotta, Whitehall — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Mike Stranz, Chippewa Falls — Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Robert Strous, Brooklyn
- Robert Strous, Brooklyn — Wave Wind, LLC
- Scott Thompson, Madison
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- Scott Watson, Madison — Carpenters Local 314
- Amanda Wegner, Madison
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- Angela West Blank, Middleton
- Mathew Wessale, Madison — WISPIRG
- Elizabeth Wheeler, Madison
- Pamela Wiesen, Madison
- Judy Ziewacz, Madison — Office of Energy Independence

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- Becky Bartlett, Brodhead
- Kurt Bartlett, Brodhead
- Brad Boycks, Madison
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- Mary Brandt, Cuba City — Smelser Tarp
- Dave Brown, Janesville
- Herb Buhl, New Holstein
- Kay Chase, Cambria
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- Jim Connors, Madison — Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter
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- Robert Cox, Tomah
- Brett Davis — Representative, 80th Assembly District
- Terri Droessler, Cuba City
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- Clarence Krueger, Helbert
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- Robert Krupp, Chilton
- Grace Kuntz, Chilton
- Richard Kunz, Chilton
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- Tom Larson, Madison
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- Brad Loeffelkob, Platteville
- Paul Ludwig, Chilton
- Susan Ludwig, Chilton
- Dennis Malchow, Campbellsport
- Eugene Meyers, Chilton — Chilton
- Ione Meyers, Chilton
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- Harold Meyer, Tomah
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- Doris Moehn, Hilbert
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- Ron Muellenbach, Stockbridge
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- Kathy Utley, Sun Prairie
- Douglas Zweizig, Evansville
- Lynn Wilkon, Madison

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

August 4, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Plale that **Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 2 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Kedzie that
Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Substitute Amendment 4 be
recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 3 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 4
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Erpenbach that
Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be
recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Erpenbach, Cowles and Harsdorf.
Noes: (4) Senators Plale, Wirch, Kreitlow and Kedzie.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 4 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 4

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Erpenbach that
Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for
introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7,
Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate Bill 185** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow,
Cowles and Harsdorf.

Noes: (1) Senator Kedzie.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

Kevin Brady
Committee Clerk



SB 185?

January 5, 2009

Dear Wisconsin state legislator:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the supporters of Wind for Wisconsin to discuss some of the challenges limiting wind energy development in our state. The Port of Milwaukee strongly supports efforts to reform how wind projects are sited in Wisconsin. We respectfully encourage your support for wind siting reform. Wind energy holds tremendous potential to serve as an economic catalyst for our state.

As you know, the Port of Milwaukee is a major contributor to the long-term economic stability and growth of the State of Wisconsin. The Port is serviced by two major railroads, can service a vessel of any size from the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence System, and has direct interstate highway access. In recent years, the Port handled over 3.5 million tons of products for the State. Wisconsin's ports support roughly 11,400 jobs and annually generate over 1.3 billion in economic output and nearly \$377 million in personal income from wages, salaries, and proprietor incomes.¹

International wind companies have begun to utilize Wisconsin ports. The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) reported that wind power generating capacity increased by 45 percent in 2007, and will likely increase by roughly the same margin in 2008.² AWEA also lists 8 states in this region among its "Top 20 States with Wind Energy Resource Potential."³

- North Dakota, 1st
- South Dakota, 4th
- Minnesota, 9th
- Iowa, 10th
- Michigan, 14th
- Wisconsin, 18th
- Missouri, 20th

We believe the Port of Milwaukee is uniquely positioned to attract shipments of wind energy components for projects throughout the upper-Midwest and Wisconsin. However, a frustrating lack of regulatory clarity has effectively shut down wind energy development in our own state. A lack of statewide siting standards is putting millions of investment dollars for Wisconsin at risk. The Port of Milwaukee hopes that you will

¹ WDOT. "Wisconsin's commercial ports." February 2004

² http://awea.org/pubs/factsheets/Market_Update.pdf

³ http://awea.org/pubs/factsheets/Top_20_States.pdf



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support efforts to create statewide uniform siting standards as envisioned by 2007 SB 544 to help advance wind energy for Wisconsin.

Thank you for your interest and the opportunity to comment on this important issue. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

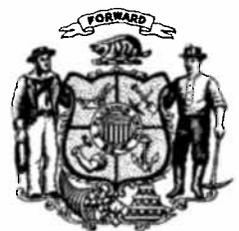
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Reinelt".

Eric Reinelt
Municipal Port Director
Port of Milwaukee

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



N10702 St. Paul Rd.
Malone, WI 53049

March 18, 2009

SB185?

To Whom it may concern:

I was driving to my home on St. Paul Road during a snow / freezing rain storm several weeks ago. The wind was coming from the East. When I turned off of Hwy. HH onto St. Paul Road going north, I saw large white chunks "flying" over the road into the field, and onto the road ahead of me. Then I realized they were chunks of ice being slung from the wind turbine on the east side of the road. It was quite shocking. I did not know what to do because if I would have stopped I would have been in the middle of it so I drove through it as chunks were flying over and onto my car. I phoned W.Energies when I got home and after an hour or so they shut the turbine down. Susan Halbach

**Supporters of Uniform Wind Siting Standards (SB 185, AB 256)
Wisconsin Wind Energy Supply Chain Seminar
Appleton, Wisconsin
March 31, 2009**

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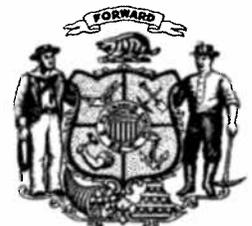
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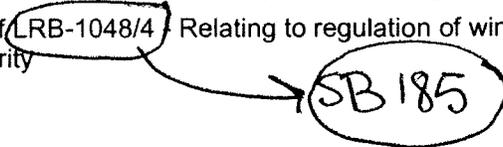


WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Brady, Kevin

From: Sen.Plale
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 2:06 PM
To: *Legislative Senate Democrats; *Legislative Senate Republicans; *Legislative Assembly - Independents; *Legislative Assembly Republicans; *Legislative Assembly Democrats
Subject: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-1048/4 Relating to regulation of wind energy systems and granting rule-making authority
Attachments: 09-10484.pdf



DATE: April 8, 2009
TO: Legislative Colleagues
FROM: Senator Jeff Plale, Senator Randy Hopper, Representative Jim Soletski, and Representative Phil Montgomery
SUBJECT: 2009 LRB-1048/4 - Relating to regulation of wind energy systems and granting rule-making authority
DEADLINE: April 22, 2009

As our nation begins to look for alternative energy solutions and ways to spur economic growth, the production of wind energy is a focal point of these policy discussions. We are introducing LRB-1048/4 to create uniform siting standards for wind energy projects. These projects will enhance Wisconsin's economy by protecting and creating jobs, will attract new investment to our state, and support state energy policy.

Currently, over 600 megawatts of proposed wind projects are stalled in Wisconsin due to the absence of clear, predictable regulations. This figure doesn't include potential projects that have been abandoned because wind developers are discouraged from constructing these important projects in our state. These delays and deterrents lead to a loss of jobs and investment in Wisconsin, while the rest of the country moves forward with the creation of green energy solutions.

LRB-1048/4 would:

- After opportunity for public input, establish, by rule, permitting standards to be applied by local or state government to wind energy installations, regardless of size and location;
- Create an appeal procedure to the Public Service Commission on decisions rendered by local jurisdictions on wind energy installations.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kevin in the Plale office at 6-7505 or Steve in the Soletski office at 6-0485 by **Wednesday, April 22, at 4:45 pm**. You will be signed on to both the Senate and Assembly bills unless you specify otherwise.

Thank you.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





From the Desk of Curt Bjurlin
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SB 185?

30 April 2009

Curt Bjurlin, Senior Wind Developer, EcoEnergy

I want to begin by thanking you for your vision and leadership in reviewing this important piece of legislation. As a wind energy developer, I know firsthand how critical uniform siting standards are to Wisconsin's clean energy future.

The current system in which every unit of government has different standards is akin to a group of fiefdoms without common currency.

Companies wishing to create enterprise and progress encounter an ever-changing set of rules and regulations.

Projects might span four or five different ordinances, each with unique and often conflicting requirements.

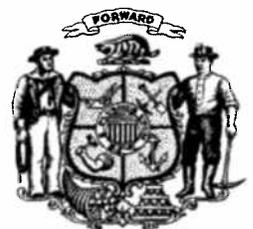
A year ago I was developing projects throughout Wisconsin. Now I'm developing projects throughout the Midwest, but I know longer work here in the state. I continue to live in Wisconsin, but because of the confusion and uncertainty surrounding permitting of wind projects in Wisconsin; my company has chosen to take our development dollars to other states where projects have a better chance of success. It's my hope that with the passage of this bill, we will again be able to pursue economic development right here in Wisconsin. In my opinion, this bill will create the common currency, which is so lacking, allowing companies like EcoEnergy to begin rebuilding Wisconsin's energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Curt Bjurlin



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Janet Kassel
1438 N. County Road H
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May 5, 2009

Dear State of Wisconsin Senator or Assembly Member:
Re: Turbine Siting Reform Bill (SB 185)

I respectfully request that you oppose Senate Bill 185. I am a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Town of Janesville. My husband and I farm in Rock County and have for many years supported alternative energy, recycling, and organic principles as a part of our sustainable farming practices. I am represented in Madison by Senator Robson and Representative Hixson, but I am addressing my concerns to all senators and representatives because this bill has far reaching effects that will jeopardize the entire state, not just my region. This very dangerous bill in no way considers the protection of public welfare, health and safety of our state residents or wildlife.

While I applaud the Senate and Assembly's interest in taking steps to combat the serious threat of climate change by exploring alternate energy sources, I am seriously concerned that SB 185 does not adequately address the needs of the community at large. For example, SB 185 would give rule making authority to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in regard to wind energy systems (WES) in the State of Wisconsin abolishing local authority and placing all wind siting control in the hands of the of the PSC. Many well researched studies are available. I recommend that you take some time to investigate these reports and studies. An excellent reference site can be found at <http://betterplan.squarespace.com/> Another important report is The Large Wind Turbine Citizens Committee Town of Union Set Back Recommendation Report and the National Research Council report entitled Environmental Impacts of Wind-Energy Projects, May 2007. These and other studies detail serious health problems associated with industrial wind turbines such as shadow flicker, blade flicker, noise, stray voltage and the like, specifically ringing in the ears, headaches, sleeplessness, dangerously elevated blood pressure (requiring medication), heart palpitations, itching in the ears, eye watering, earaches, and pressure on the chest causing them to fight to breathe. (See April 28, 2009 article by Catherine Kleiber cited in the above mentioned website.)

If you want to develop state rules that apply to everyone you absolutely must take the time to investigate the reports of damage to the health and well being of our citizens. The bill does not need to pass in this session. Please wait. Do not make a mistake you cannot fix. As medical doctors are admonished, when taking their oath, to "above all, do no harm", so you, too, should be prudent, listen to all sides and make the right choice for the well-being of your constituency.

Senator Plale, sponsor of SB 185, in his press release dated April 30 claims that "a sensible wind energy policy will help Wisconsin harness the jobs and growth opportunity that green power provides". I ask you to consider that SB 185 is NOT a sensible wind energy policy. Senator Plale calls this a wind siting bill yet does not even specify what the siting regulations might be. He leaves this up to the discretion of the PSC. "The guidelines used by the PSC were provided by an out-of-state utility with a keen interest in siting as many turbines as possible in any given area, and no interest in protecting public health, safety, welfare, property values or wildlife." (For more on this quote contact betterplan.rockcounty@gmail.com). How can the PSC represent the needs, rights, quality of life of the individual citizen? Only the local communities and towns can truly appreciate the needs of the individuals. This is where the decisions regarding siting ought to be made. At the very least it must be the *Legislature, the representative of the constituent*, who determines these setback requirements, not the power company. Whose interest is being addressed here: your constituents or a self-interested company?

Please take time to review the Town of Union *Wind Energy System Licensing Ordinance* for an example of a well researched ordinance. This ordinance does not deny power companies the right to build WES, but after much time and study it does reach a reasonable compromise considering the interests of the citizen as well as the energy company.

Please do not industrialize our towns and counties. Please do not fast track this bill which degrades the quality of life in our state. Please listen to the citizens of our counties and towns who have developed an impressive body of reasonable and intelligent research. Table this bill for now. Revisit it when you have heard from your constituents.

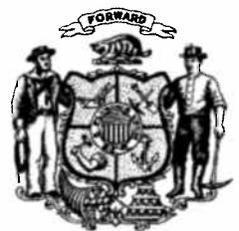
Caution is the better part of valor. This bill looks like a good idea because it addresses a very real and immediate problem: climate change. However, as the *Industrial Wind Action Group* warns us "Beware the wolf in green clothing", I ask you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Janet Kassel



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



May 6, 2009

Dear Senator/Assembly member,

I am writing to ask that you not support bill SB185 Wind Siting Reform Bill. Please allow towns to keep local control of wind turbines. The effects of the 400 ft wind turbines have been studied and continuing to be studied. The noise, vibration, shadow flicker and stray voltage are things that should be considered. I support any renewable resources as long as safety and health concerns are top priority.

One of the fears that I have about wind turbines is that technology advances so quickly and in a few years other resources could be developed that could be less labor intense. If in later years studies show that less set backs will not cause safety and health concerns, turbines can then be placed with less set backs. Once they are placed too close, it would be very difficult to move.

Town governments do a good job in taking care of their towns. Please let us continue to do so. There are good locations and bad locations for the turbines. Just because there is wind, it should not mean a turbine should be placed there.

Thank you,

Wayne Udulutch
Town of Center, Chair
7416 W Mineral Point Rd
Janesville, WI 53548
608 876-6265



May 6, 2009

Dear Senator/ Assembly member,

I am writing to ask you to **please support local control by NOT supporting bill SB185 Wind Siting Reform Bill**. This bill would take local control away from the towns. The effects of the 400' wind turbines have been studied and are continuing to be studied. The noise, vibration, shadow flicker and stray voltage are all things that need to be considered. I support wind energy and any renewable resources as long as they are implemented in a safe out way. It would be horrible to impose a law that will cause hardships for state's residents.

I am the clerk/treasurer of the Town of Magnolia in Rock County. My husband, children and I live on a farm that has been in my family for over 100 years. We raise corn, soybeans, hay, beef cows /calves and chickens. Magnolia and our neighboring Town of Union have adopted wind siting ordinances after 2 years of doing research. Our ordinances have a setback of 2650 feet with a clause if landowners would like a turbine closer to their home, they can sign off and have it built closer. If there is a group of neighbors that agree to have them closer to their homes, that is also allowed. The ordinance does protect families that are not comfortable with a turbine as close. While researching the facts before preparing the ordinance, an open records request was made to check what sources were used to write the state model wind ordinance that the Public Service Commission and wind energy companies want to use. The model ordinance has a setback of 1000 feet from homes no matter how big the turbines are. There were NO medical or scientific facts used to create this model ordinance. Even the wind companies say it isn't safe for their employees to be less than 1300 feet from a turbine. **Children playing in their yards would be in a danger zone at all times**. The wind companies are here to make money and ONLY to make money – they do not and never will care about the safety of the Wisconsin residents. .

The Town of Magnolia is almost entirely agricultural with rolling hills and a few wooded high ridges. These ridges are zoned highland conservation areas. Farmers are not allowed to farm on the steep slopes, and homes or driveways are not allowed in these areas. This is to prevent erosion and maintain the natural beauty of Wisconsin. Since all towns are uniquely different, a uniform siting rule for every town in the state of Wisconsin would not be a good fit. Please consider allowing the local governments to regulate the siting of the wind turbines. The local officials know firsthand the distinctive needs of their towns.

Being "green" is wonderful if it is done in the correct way. There are many ways to conserve electricity – effective ways that do not harm people, wildlife or farm animals. Studies show that wildlife leave the areas where wind turbines are. What would happen to our farm animals that are fenced in and cannot leave? Is it worth harming Wisconsin residents' health, changing the farm lifestyle of many and driving our wildlife away for the wind developers to get rich? At what expense are these turbines?

I have always trusted you as an elected representative of the state's residents to protect the people. Please continue to hold my trust by voting against SB185 and supporting local control.

Thank you,
Graceann Toberman
13343 W. County Road B
Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520
608-876-6771



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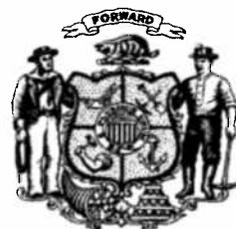
Dear Senator or Assembly member,
Hi, my name is Colleen Toberman. I am 10 years old. I live in the Town of Magnolia in Rock County. I would like you to protect my family and I from the effects of wind turbines. Our town has adopted an ordinance with a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile setback from our homes. If wind turbines are built closer to homes I have heard that shadow flicker, noise, headaches and other health effects are just a few of the many things wind turbines do to people. Wind turbine's noise sounds like a jet or loud washing machine constantly. It makes it very hard to sleep at night and when you wake up there is shadow flicker. You can even see the flicker when your window blinds are shut.

Thanks for reading this letter. Please help to protect me by making sure there is a setback far enough to keep me healthy.

Thank you,
Colleen Toberman
1343 West County Road B
Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520



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May 8, 2009

Senator Hopper
Room 108 South
State Capitol
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Madison, WI 53707 – 7882

Senator Hopper,

SB 185 could result in severely restricting the use of aerial applicators as commercial wind farms will now be siting without any input from local communities. The Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association is concerned about the ramifications of this proposal.

Our first concern is related to our grower's ability to grow crops and utilize all available options in their production plan without further restriction. Producers of high value crops have a very specific need to grow their crops controlling as many features of production as possible. Our first concerns are product quality, food and environmental safety which are related to our ability to keep the crop(s) healthy during the growing season.

While ground application may be the farmer's first choice in applying plant health products, it is not always practical in regard to timing and weather related events. Placing a restriction on aerial application could have a negative impact on crop health and therefore quality and safety will be at risk. In the case of late blight, spores from one field can easily be carried by the wind and spread the infection to other fields. Our ability to stay on a spray schedule is imperative in our effort to control this disease. Producers need to have this capability even when soil and weather related conditions do not allow for ground application of our plant health products.

Location of commercial wind farms should be done only after first considering what restrictions around the site will be created for aerial applicators and farmers. The central sands of Wisconsin, is an area of highly intensive farming practices contributing greatly to the local economy as well as to the state of Wisconsin. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss this issue. Please call with any questions and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane Maatz".

Duane W. Maatz, Executive Director
Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association
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State snares federal dollars for wind energy work

In the most recent round of federal renewable energy grants, Wisconsin led all states in capturing project dollars to address market and development challenges associated with wind energy.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced that a Wisconsin non-profit organization and three post-secondary schools captured more than \$1 million for projects to promote market acceptance and workforce development, two challenges identified in a 2008 DOE report.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison will receive nearly \$600,000, while the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will receive just over \$300,000 and Lakeshore Technical College (Cleveland, WI) a little less than \$200,000.

“Our success in receiving these awards is a reflection of the State of Wisconsin's strong commitment to expanding the wind energy marketplace here,” said Michael Vickerman, executive director of RENEW Wisconsin, a statewide renewable energy advocacy organization.

RENEW Wisconsin proposed in its grant application to develop a one-stop online source of information for wind developers, state and local policymakers and regulators, and the general public.

The web site will include documents and links to relevant state and federal statutes and rules, facts sheets on everything from aesthetics to court decisions, zoning, and other resources, as well as a calendar of upcoming workshops, seminars, training, briefings, grant opportunities, RFPs, and other relevant events and opportunities.

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The other grants will promote workforce development. The UW-Madison will provide short courses in wind power plant design, construction and operations and develop curriculum to integrate wind energy systems curriculum into power engineering education programs; the UW-Milwaukee intends to create a wind energy educational collaborative in southeastern Wisconsin; and Lakeshore Technical College will develop additional partnerships to boost its ongoing wind technician training programs.

DOE Awards in Market Acceptance:

- RENEW Wisconsin (Madison, WI) - Sowing the Seeds for a Bountiful Harvest: Shaping the Rules and Creating the Tools for Wisconsin's Next Generation of Wind Farms - \$93,348

DOE Awards in Workforce Development

- The Board of Regents of the UW System (Madison, WI) - A Continuing Education Short Course and Engineering Curriculum to Accelerate Workforce Development in Wind Power Plant Design, Construction, and Operations - \$119,135
- Lakeshore Technical College (Cleveland, WI) - POWER - Purposeful Partnerships Coordinating Wind Education Resources - \$199,236
- University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) - Integration of Wind Energy Systems into Power Engineering Education Programs at UW-Madison - \$399,931
- University Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI) - Southeast Wisconsin Wind Energy Educational Collaborative - \$330,184

Full list of awards and DOE news release at
<http://www.energy.gov/news2009/print2009/7381.htm>.

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RENEW Wisconsin is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that acts as a catalyst to advance a sustainable energy future through public policy and private sector initiatives. More information on RENEW's Web site at www.renewwisconsin.org.