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Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL DRAFT WIND REGULATIONS

Dear Council Members:

We write this letter to state our strong opposition to the proposed draft Wind Regulations scheduled for public hearing. These regulations are fatally flawed and are a backward step for the State of Connecticut. The proposals do not conform to current best practices in wind regulations adopted in other US states.

Areas where the current regulations are deficient and need changes, include but are not limited to, the following areas:

setbacks of 550 feet from homes are inadequate to protect health, given the experience in other states and countries

noise allowed is more than in other states or countries with industrial wind turbines. Connecticut should not allow industrial wind turbine noise of 51 dBA at night measured at a residence. Maine changed its law in 2012 to allow 42 dBA (a decrease from 45 dBA) at night, measured 500 feet from a residence. Maine has more installed industrial wind turbines than any other New England state and the change was based on experience. Vermont sets the noise limit at 30 dBA in a bedroom.

a **commissioning plan and host town impact analysis** should be part of the application/petition

a **host community agreement** should be required to protect local towns

a **decommissioning bond** should be required to protect local towns

The items noted above highlight some of the major issues that make the proposed draft regulations unacceptable in their current form. Given the number of issues raised by third party analysis, we believe that the regulations as proposed require, at a minimum, significant revisions. Given the degree to which these regulations depart from current standard, we believe it might be better for the Siting Council to begin the process anew. To make certain that the revised regulations cover the appropriate issues, the Siting Council should first receive public comment on issues of concern and then retain a qualified outside expert to research and draft the regulations to treat these areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard R. Adams