



February 14, 2019

Kansas House of Representatives  
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee  
Re: HB 2273-Establishing the Wind Generation Permit and Property Protection Act

Chairman Seiwert and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you some of our concerns with HB 2273.

Invenergy is North America's largest independently owned clean energy development company. We are the proud owners and operators of the 200 MW Buckeye Wind Energy Center in Ellis County, where we employ 12 Full time staff and contribute more than \$3.8 M annually to the local economy through salaries, landowner payments, and contributions to the local tax base. In Ellis County, we hire locally, have roots in the area, and care deeply about our community.

HB 2273 will send a chilling message to the renewable energy industry, Fortune 500 companies who are buying renewable energy to meet their corporate sustainability goals, higher education institutions who are diversifying their energy footprint, and most importantly to the thousands of supportive landowners and constituents in your districts who believe in harnessing the home-grown clean power that wind can provide.

Kansas has premium wind but under the rules set forth in HB 2273 it is highly doubtful that any part of the state could host a wind development project. The setback standards mean that many owners of quarter and half sections of land would not be able to have wind turbines and receive the associated benefits. Benefits such as lease payments that help diversify income streams in times of historically low commodity pricing. Simply put, HB 2273 limits opportunities and options for landowners across the State and severely restricts private property rights.

HB 2273 would force all counties to have a zoning-style process without flexibility, systematically removing local control from the equation. Less populated counties who need the influx of economic development dollars will be left with no options alongside other more populated counties. Under the restrictions outlined in HB 2273, Kansas is effectively closed for business for wind energy.

We implore you to vote NO on HB 2273 and allow Kansans, your constituents, to continue benefitting economically and environmentally from wind development.

Respectfully submitted,

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