

My husband and I own not quite three acres in the footprint of the proposed Irish Creek Wind Farm. This is our home, where we raised our two sons and where we intend to spend the rest of our lives. As of now we will have eight wind turbines at distances of 3183 feet, 3475 ft, 3500 ft, 3822 ft, 4739 ft, 5214 ft, 6476 ft and 6479 ft of our home. There are many others that would be just outside of these eight. Our house sits between two hills and we are troubled by the idea that we will have a noise tunnel. Nextera, the company wanting to build these, cannot or would not model what the impact will be when all of these turbines are operating at the same time. This concern as well as others that we have raised have never been addressed by Nextera.

This company did not make any attempts for community outreach before they began sneaking around and contacting large landowners to sign contracts for turbine placement. I think the entire community that could be impacted should be informed of the possibility of a wind farm before the process can begin. There has been a total lack of transparency during this process. Our county commissioners have done everything about this project in executive session under the guise of "client-attorney privilege". None of the three commissioners' homes are located near the proposed site. All of this has occurred during a pandemic making it hard for people to fully participate in meetings and contact the commissioners about their concerns. This wind farm has caused a very close community of people to be at odds and caused a lot of broken friendships and relationships. That is the saddest part of the whole saga.

I wholly support the setbacks proposed in this bill. No non-participating landowner should have these giant industrial machines located closer than a mile or more from their home. We chose to live in the country for the peace and quiet. We would not have elected to live in the middle of an industrial area

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