

The Anderson County
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To: Kansas Senate Utilities Committee
Re: Testimony in support of SB

Chairman and members of the Committee,

Considering the economic damage done to rural communities in foregone small-acreage housing development due to the advent of wind turbine fields, it is fitting that those developments be scrutinized with similar regulations as per other damaging developments, like commercial hog operations.

The requirements in SB353 provides needed protection to both lessors and nearby neighbors, as well as potential transplants one day seeking to own and build equity in “a house with a little acreage”:

- Details a required application to be tendered to county commissioners;
- Requires formal notice to neighbors and includes publication requirement;
- Includes restrictions on sound and requires a flicker analysis;
- Requires proof of a funded decommissioning plan;
- Requires a public hearing before commissioners.

These are plausible and justifiable protections considering the health and financial consequences of nearby landowners. I urge your approval of this bill.

Sincerely,



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