

Lancaster County **Commissioners.**

After attending the working group meetings, doing research and watching the wind energy briefing by Steve Henrichsen and Scott Holmes we feel that the Lancaster county health department is working to protect the participating and non-participating residents of Lancaster county.

Reviewing what Volkswind and the Leaseholders have provided as their changes to the amendments, it makes us come to the conclusion, that they are disregarding information that the Lancaster County Health Department provided on safe noise levels in order to protect the people from adverse health effects and annoyance! They have been ignoring what has been recommended and demanding to increase noise levels only to benefit their pocketbooks and to be able to install these Large industrial wind turbines in a highly populated area. If we are not trusting the regulation guidelines from our State health department, who are we to have confidence in or to believe?

Sound changes with distance! Whether you are participating or non-participating residents, all setbacks need to be from the property line. The proposed setbacks are confusing. They should be the same distance from the property line for all involved to be fair. We feel that the proposed setbacks are based on old standards and are too close.

As stated by Scott Holmes. Turbine noise is not like traffic. Turbine noise is not like an airport. Turbine noise is not like Agriculture machinery. Turbines produce their own unique noise and are very hard to mask.

If the leaseholder cannot abide by the proposed setbacks from the property lines then they do not have enough landmass to construct a wind turbine. This is not agriculture. Non-participating parties should not have to make concessions in order for these industrial wind turbines to be built and interrupt our country lifestyle.

As stated by Steve Henrichsen's conclusion in the proposed test amendment;

" Given the amount of acreage development within Lancaster County, it will be difficult to meet the proposed regulations and still have a large scale wind operation. While wind energy is goal of the Comprehensive Plan, it does not mean that should come at the cost to adjacent nonparticipating property owners. Lancaster County has numerous residents on smaller lots enjoying a quality of life in a rural setting. The "rural lifestyle" does come with noise and odor from agricultural operations. It also comes with large outbuildings and farm machinery. But none of these aspects of rural life compare to the potential impacts of a 250 to 500 foot wind turbine. We are not against renewable energy, however we feel this project is not suitable for this area.

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