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Lincoln-Lancaster County  
Planning Department  
Attn: Steve Henrichsen  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Henrichsen:

My husband and I are the fourth generation to live on the Blome family farm. Our daughter and family, the fifth and sixth generations, also live along West Gage Road. We farm in both Gage and Lancaster Counties.

We oppose the proposed 54 (or more) wind turbine project that is underway in the Hallam and Cortland area. We oppose locating this wind farm in this densely populated area, and, how this could affect our health, safety, quality of life, and property values.

We appreciate Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department/Lancaster County Health Department for hosting the Wind Energy Text Amendment working group meetings. The meetings were informational.

One proposed amendment of concern is the appropriate setback distance of the non-participating landowner. Quoting what a few of the Peer Review Studies are saying: "Setbacks must be measured from a non-participant's property line. A setback measured from a dwelling limits the non-participating landowner's use of their property, and greatly reduces protections for non-participants from noise pollution and its proven ill effects, shadow flicker, property devaluation and potential property damage from blade failure or fire".... "All landowners should have the right to do with their land what they choose as long as it doesn't harm or impede a neighboring land owner. A setback for safety reasons, regardless of its distance, must be maintained. Any zoning that allows a wind turbine to be build next to a non-participant's property line eliminates that property owner from safely using that land. It creates an easement over the neighboring, non-participating property that eliminates the owner from further developments. This amounts to an uncompensated taking of private property rights."

It is our opinion that any ordinance to determine setbacks must protect the resident and setbacks of less than 1 mile must be regarded as unsafe.

We appreciate your attention to this issue, and thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

AlDean and Rose Blome

Cc: Bill Avery  
Larry Hudkins  
Deb Schorr  
Roma Amundson  
Todd Willgen