

Submitted via email.

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Dear Planning and County Commissioners,

We would like to express our concerns regarding the Hallam Wind Project in northern Gage and southern Lancaster County. We have serious reservations about the positive aspects the developer and proponents of the project are telling the people who live in this area. Please be aware there are many negative aspects to locating these wind turbines in a populated area that need to be considered. Lower property values, environmental impact, wildlife hazards, and health issues for people living in the vicinity of these machines need to be considered. It is our hope that the planning commission understands these issues before allowing a project of this magnitude to locate here. People who live in the area are going to be forced to live with the negative aspects with no tangible benefits. The few landowners looking to generate more income from their property are going to have a very large negative impact on the population living in the area.

This has been our home for the past 20 years and we love this location, near family and friends. The proposed plan shows 5 to 6 turbines located within a mile of our home with four of them being located within a half mile or less. If this project is completed, are we going to be able to continue living here? Are health issues going to force us to sell our home and relocate? Are we going to be able to sell even if we need to?

The proposed sound limits in the draft text are reasonable, but shouldn't be relied on alone. Responsible distance setbacks are critical as well. By allowing small setbacks, you are limiting the use, enjoyment and property value of non-participant's homes. The setbacks should be at least one mile from the property line, not the dwelling, on non-participating homes.

Please consider all residents, and not just the leaseholders who stand to gain monetarily.

Thank you,

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