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To: Nelson, Chris

Subject:

Dear Commissioner Nelson,

I'm deeply concerned about the encroachment on our peaceful, private property by this proposed wind farm set to go up between Delmont and Avon.

My wife, Julie and I strenuously object to this wind farm as we reflect on our lives here. We brought our four babies home from the hospital to this farm, our home. So it went with three previous generations back to Julie's great grandfather, [REDACTED] who homesteaded this soil over 130 years ago. [REDACTED] and all his successor generations endured many hardships to survive and carry on. Julie's father [REDACTED] died right here in front of the old farmhouse. [REDACTED] served our country in WWI as a machine gunner in Germany and came back to this farm. I know you are thinking "how does this relate"? I'm just relating the fact that with God's help, our family has endured just about every human tragedy here on this land from drought to death.

This year I will be harvesting the 41st crop of my farming career. The best part of this is the fact that, by the Grace of God we survived the economic 80's along with the floods, tornados, pestilence, droughts and low commodity prices and we are still here. Now, however, it is evident that "love of money" in the form of big business and big government are the biggest threat to the survival of our farm and way of life. The installation of a wind farm always reduces the values of the land. Nobody want to move their families to a wind farm and start a life . . . I sure as hell wouldn't. This won't help the schools, churches or surrounding communities. Many families that live in this proposed footprint are distraught at the prospect of loosing their quality of life. After all, we were here first . . . four generations of us! If the central gov wants them so bad, they should open up the millions of acres owned by the BLM in the desert southwest . . . where no one lives. Put them there.

When one considers "wise investment" wind farms are a boondoggle in every economy for mankind. Some say "we need" this energy but I will throw the "BS flag" at that one as obama has mothballed many coal fired and gas fired plants and "shut them down", as he said he would. Some say we need wind power to address "climate change", previously known as "global warming".

That is just a convenient lie to enrich a few at the expense of everyone else. The inconvenient fact is that wind towers will never operate efficiently enough or even long enough to save the carbon that they produce when manufactured. The wind energy that they claim we need is unaffordable as it runs up energy costs exponentially and that is a fact that you can research for yourself. Warren Buffet was quoted "without the tax benefits and the subsidies, wind power makes no sense". It benefits only a few at the expense of many. We have plenteous power capabilities without the pinwheels on the skyline, but present policies set forth by central government has wrecked our countries ability to produce anything, including electric power, not to mention the unknown health risks that could be significant.. The coal

industry has cleaned up the emissions to meet every single mandate set forth by the EPA over the last two decades. Let's bring back the coal, gas and nuclear industries and unlock the shackles and let them produce.

Land owners who are seeking or considering these windmills on their property should ask themselves a few simple questions.

1. How does it affect my land?
  - a. Does not improve the value.
  - b. Does not make my land better.
  - c. Does not make the landscape more beautiful.
  
2. How does it affect my neighbors?
  - a. Will this cause them stress enough to leave their homes?
  - b. Will it cause adverse health effect?
  - c. Will we still be friends no matter which way it goes? or, does it even matter?
  
3. Is it good for America?
  - a. Increases the cost of energy for everyone.
  - b. Cripples industry, especially high energy consumers such as dairies and feeding operations as well as others non-farm industry.
  - c. Hurts the poor the most.
  - d. Continues to hurt tax payers.

So, you see, this is a loose-loose situation in which nobody wins. Some will more than likely resent others no matter which way the decision goes.

We must ask ourselves, IS IT WORTH IT? . . . . . well, is it?

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