

It occurred to me this winter that we got to the party about 10 years late. In 2008 the wind industry was busy writing their own laws in Pierre including the Draft Model Ordinance and the Codified Laws. In several areas of the state including mine, wind developers were signing up land easements 8-10 years ago. Developers were doing all their work waiting for the production tax credit to be reinstated, which it was in January of 2013. Now they are really working to get their projects approved before the so-called PTC phase out.

Tonight, I will address the issue of setbacks and how it will affect the health and safety of the residents. Every developer promotes short setbacks from a residence or a property line, the other night in Turner County, they were promoting a 500 ft. setback. Short setbacks increase the developer's profits. In 2008 the wind industry decided setbacks would be 1.1 times the tower height because if the wind or a tornado blew the tower over there would still be a 10% cushion before it hit your house. That was the only perceived threat from a wind turbine. Now we have turbines 600 ft. tall instead of 300 ft. tall and they still want the same setback.

But now the genie is out of the bottle. The Shirley Wind Farm in Wisconsin has been designated a "human health hazard" since 2014 and remains one till this day. It took almost 5 decades until they finally got the tobacco industry to pay \$206 billion in a lawsuit, proving tobacco caused cancer. It took about 50 years to prove that asbestos insulation caused cancer. How about agent orange? How many years did our government cover that up?

In each example, the manufacturers, government, the American Medical Association all lied about any potential danger of their product for financial gain. People all over the world are now waking up to the health hazards of wind turbines.

So, the problem with this project is the same as every project in the state. The setbacks are too short to protect the health and safety of the residents. I'm giving you a whole list of resources, some peer reviewed and some just factual data. Health problems are real, ice throw is real, infrasound is real and shadow flicker is real.

We don't want our grandkids to start smoking cigarettes, or be exposed to Roundup, and we would never buy a house with asbestos insulation. So, likewise, we don't want to raise our families within 2 miles of a wind turbine. I ask you to deny this project because the setbacks are unsafe. Thank you

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