

Good evening, Members of the Commission:

My name is Kurt Jensen and I am a citizen of Summit.

Since before I moved to this community, members of the town of Summit and its surrounding area have wanted wind development to come to fruition here for well over 10 years. In my eyes, it is the right time to discontinue idle conversations and indulging in the orations of the opposition, who most likely don't reside in or around this area – but we must, rather, act as a progressive community and prosper from that initiative. It is apparent to me that we have the right team taking the lead on this project. Personally, I have worked with and have a great relationship with the individuals from Apex and trust them wholeheartedly to do this right. I have found them to be nothing less than trustworthy, well researched, and diligent in their pursuits.

There have been groups from outside this area trying to stop our and others project progression. Naturally, I have a fundamental opposition to the ideology that any outside group may be the determining factor behind what our residents choose to do with their own land.

Additionally, some people are concerned about their property values going down; however, from what I have learned, quite the opposite is true. Wind farms bring jobs to areas, which potentially means more families moving in and building homes.

I sincerely believe this is an opportunity we should embrace. It benefits more than just the landowners; it benefits the community. This project will help the townships, our school, and our landowners.

I ask the commission to approve the permit for Dakota Range Wind.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Kurt Jensen

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