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**My wife and I are currently signed up with the Next Era Crowned Ridge I project. When signing up with the project, we were convinced that we were doing the right thing, having the chance to produce so called "Green Energy". In the past year, we have read the book Paradise Destroyed by Gregg Heubner, and have done research on the effects of shadow flicker and infrasound on human health, and the health of wild life and domestic animals. Also the dangers of ice throw. Not to mention the amount of fossil fuel, steel, and concrete used to construct the turbines, and the lowering of property values of homes within wind projects. We don't like the fact that we would be making money off other people's property. We would be taking away our neighbor's property rights by inflicting flicker, audible noise and infrasound and all the health effects on their animals and themselves. Good Neighbors don't put up Industrial Wind Turbines! We want to be good neighbors! Please protect the health and safety of our people on the Coteau Ridge.**

**Let's ask ourselves 2 questions:**

- 1. Even if you are a strong supporter of wind energy, what is wrong with having at least a ¼ mile set back from homes? The worst that can happen is that you may not get a wind turbine on my land.**
- 2. Is having money in our pockets going to offset the depopulation of our rural communities, constant migraine headaches, sleep deprivation, and even suicide?**

**We are currently locked into a 30-year contract that we probably cannot get out of, and one clause in the contract mentions that in the event that Next Era ever files for Bankruptcy, their creditors can put a lien on any property where a turbine, substation, or transmission line is located. Which means that someday a bank in a foreign country could end up owning Codington, Deuel, and Grant Counties.**

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