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Mr. Rinaldi

I write regarding the proposed installation by Clean Breeze Wind Park LP of five wind turbines on the Oak Ridges Moraine just west of Centreton.

As you are probably aware, there is a great deal of concern that wind farms cause negative health impacts on people (and likely livestock and other animals) in the vicinity. Wind turbines have made it impossible for some people to live within a reasonable proximity of them (a greater distance than the current set-backs). Wind turbines are also known to cause high bird and bat mortality.

Such a development is completely at odds with the requirements that everyone else has to abide by within the Green Space, and it seems very inconsistent that the government would permit such an intrusive development in an area where the over-riding policy direction is to conserve the landscape and the ecological functions of the moraine. The lighting requirements are also contrary to the dark sky designation of the general area.

In sum, without even touching on the general questions about the reliability of wind power (e.g. not being generated when it is most needed), the limited liability of the operating companies and the prevention of any municipal government input into the decision process, there are many reasons why I am opposed to this project.

There are many less intrusive ways of generating additional power; a carbon tax would provide a strong incentive for people to reduce their demands for power, which to my mind is a better way to go than building facilities that benefit a very small minority while disadvantaging a large number of people in the surrounding area.

It would seem prudent to consider these objections to basing industrial wind turbines near rural residential areas before, rather than after, any more projects have been approved, and so I would like to request your assistance in preventing this project from going forward.

I look forward to your timely response, and I hope that you or your representative may be able to attend the public meeting in Roseneath which has been rescheduled to November 26.

Yours truly,