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To: Susan Burgstrom
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As you consider wind energy policies and decisions at your meeting this week and in the future, I hope you will do everything possible to update the wind farm ordinance to encourage more wind energy development in Champaign County. The current ordinance is overly restrictive -- the setbacks are excessive and reducing those would still create noise levels that are no greater than road traffic.

References to "wind turbine syndrome" that often come up during these debates have been roundly and routinely debunked. Neither the National Institutes of Health nor the World Health Organization recognize any such condition or health threat. Please look critically at these arguments, should they arise.

Sustainable energy improves our nation's security, protects our environment, and enlivens our county's economy. I ask that you do everything you can to encourage wind energy development in Champaign County.

Thank you.

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To the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Environment and Land Use Committee :

My name is Kathy Shannon and I live in Champaign. I am strongly in favor of wind energy in Champaign County, and I'm concerned that these proposed changes will make it almost impossible to develop new wind farms. We need wind energy now more than ever! The climate crisis is at a critical point. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports that we must cut our emissions in half by 2030 to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, which is critical to keeping the Earth habitable for us and for our children. Farmers are already feeling extreme pressure from changing weather patterns, and this will only get worse. Fossil fuels will get more expensive as banks stop financing new infrastructure. On a personal note, my homeowner's insurance went up substantially this year, and the insurance company writes that this is largely because of "the frequency and severity of weather events caused by changing weather patterns." Climate change is negatively affecting us already. If anything, we should be updating our ordinances to encourage MORE renewable energy development, not less.

I also want to point out that our taxing bodies, especially school districts, need the revenue that comes from wind farms. Many people are worried that a recession is on the way, and with it, a possible reduction in EAVs. It's vital that we fully fund our schools, and property taxes on wind farm developments are a great way to do that without putting an undue burden on homeowners and farmers.

Finally, the war in Ukraine and the resulting disruption in the supply of fossil fuels underscores the urgency of energy independence. With wind energy, we're not reliant on foreign oil, but also not reliant on pipelines that leak and poison our soil and drinking water.

Please reject this anti-scientific attempt to curtail a stronger, more resilient, and more sustainable Champaign County. Thank you!

Kathy Shannon

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