

Testimony of Michael Simaitis before the Energy and Technology Committee
On proposed *House Bill 6249 An Act Establishing a Moratorium on the Siting of Wind
Projects Until the Adoption of Regulations*
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, Senator Witkos, Representative Hoydick and members of the Energy and Technology Committee, my name is Mike Simaitis and I am submitting this testimony in opposition to proposed House Bill 6249 An Act Establishing a Moratorium on the Siting of Wind Projects Until the Adoption of Regulations.

I live in the northwest corner of Connecticut where there are abundant wind resources and open space to support clean green wind energy today. I see that there is renewable wind energy deployed in all New England states except for Connecticut. Now is the time to support a renewable investment in our state and in our towns, creating jobs and economic development and most importantly, strengthening our local tax base.

I oppose this bill and the concept of a moratorium because it changes the rules and it will essentially kill the development of wind energy in Connecticut. It also sends the message to anyone considering doing business in Connecticut they are not welcome because the rules will be changed without warning.

Legislators on this Committee I ask you to do what is right – vote against HB6249 and support wind energy in Connecticut today.