

Testimony of Derek Brown 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 Derek brown 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 Town of Prospect and have watched as my neighbors have debated the BNE Energy proposal to erect two wind turbines on 68 acres of water company land. I've been amazed by the small group of folks who are opposed to this project. I favor the tax revenue and economic development that wind energy will bring our town.

Connecticut has long been struggling with ways to handle our energy generation. We now live under a federal mandate to reach a renewable energy threshold of 20% by the year 2020. If we don't get there, the state will be financially penalized. HB 6249 will tie Connecticut's hands further and make it even more difficult for us to attain that goal. How can we expect to build clean, sustainable energy projects if the legislature impedes our ability to do so?

The federal government wants us move forward. Our children's future demands it.

I urge your rejection of HB 6249. Thank you.