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Sen. Kevin Witkos
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Dear Sen. Witkos,

I am writing to urge you to reject the two bills, H.B. No. 6249 and H. B. No. 6250. At a time when we have record unemployment, investment in our state is at an all time low and citizens throughout the country are seeking solutions to the climate issues these bills are counterproductive. H.B. No. 6249 and H. B. No. 6250 before the Energy and Technology Committee provide no value added and will accomplish nothing but to delay and raise the cost of development in the state of Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council is the proper place for the wind turbine permit process and their methods of approval address all of the environmental and study issues associated with wind turbine projects.

The installation of any wind turbine creates jobs in the research and wind analysis area, construction, operation and maintenance. The infrastructure upgrades and equipment installation add to the local tax rolls and the power generated provides income to companies and taxes to the state. These things are all accomplished while reducing our carbon footprint.

The first electric car charging stations in the state were announced last week. If we generate the electricity to run these chargers with coal or oil we have accomplished nothing environmentally. Generate that power with a wind turbine and we set the example for the country.

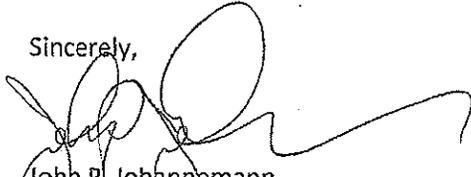
In places like Portsmouth Rhode Island and Worcester and Hull Massachusetts their wind turbine generators are a thing of pride. The citizens know that the blades dancing in the sky are generating clean renewable energy which helps the environment and future generations. Not to mention that they contribute to stabilizing taxes.

The Department of Energy has set a goal of 24% power from renewable sources; Connecticut has a chance to be a part of achieving that goal. Additional hurdles that provide no added value to the permit process will only serve to drive investors from the state and jobs that should have been in Connecticut will go elsewhere.

Gov. Dan Malloy said "Today I see an economic crisis and an employment crisis, both fueled by an unfriendly employer environment,.." The "Not in my backyard" mentality is stifling to progress, will hurt our environment and drive more businesses, jobs and people from our state.

Please reject these bills and let's get on with the business of developing clean energy resources within our state and consistent with the environmental goals of the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Johannemann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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