

**Statement by John Lamontagne to the Energy & Technology Committee in support of
Raised Bill No. 6249, An Act Establishing Moratorium on Siting Wind Projects until the
Adoption of Regulations**

Chairman Fonfara, Chairman Nardello, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for raising this bill which will make sure that there are standards and regulations for the siting of Wind Power facilities in Connecticut towns.

My family and I live at 225 New Haven Road, Prospect, Connecticut, which is within 800 feet of the property line of the proposed site for the Prospect Wind Turbines as proposed by BNE. The proposed gigantic machines are not like a static object such as a cell tower. They are huge pieces of equipment with 164 foot blades and max blade tip speeds of up to 180 MPH. Their presence would adversely affect the safety and well being of myself and my neighbors, and in fact the character of the town would be changed by objects that are so grossly out of scale and proportion with our small town.

First, please understand, my family and I support renewable energy and are greatly in favor of wind power where it is appropriate and where it is properly sited with due regard to neighbors and communities.

However we need your help because BNE has proposed two five-hundred foot tall structures with turbines on them which are too big, too large, too loud, too close to be sited on New Haven Road in Prospect, Connecticut.

The applicants are seeking a fast track approval from the Siting Council. They advocated against a public hearing, they advocated that I should not be allowed to be a Party to the proceeding, they also have filed objections to requests for important information to be presented at the hearings.

In short, they claim that the statute, which this legislature passed, allows the siting of a facility like this, which is against local zoning which does not allow any structure above 35 feet in height and without any consideration of or balancing of the rights of the neighbors.

I know this is not what the legislature intended. I know this cannot be true and I respectfully request that you immediately pass this bill so that appropriate standards and regulations can be in place before these very large, cutting edge technology facilities, which have adverse impacts and dangers attendant to them, are placed in neighborhoods around the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration.

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