

January 20, 2022

Senator John Kane
Senate Box 203009
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3009

Re: Anthracite Ridge, LLC Wind Turbine Project Democratic Senate Policy Hearing 10 AM, January 28, 2022

Dear Senator Kane:

Thank you for scheduling the above Hearing pertaining to the proposed Anthracite Ridge, LLC Wind Turbine Project.

All of our family are lifelong residents of the area that will be impacted by this proposed project. After college graduation and working in industry, my husband and I chose to continue a family farming tradition and returned to this beautiful area to raise potatoes and our children. In fact, State Route 25, which runs through the center of our two mile wide valley, has long been designated as a Pennsylvania Scenic highway.

We are not opposed to green energy. We have, in fact, installed a six acre solar farm on our property in 2010 to mitigate our energy use. It is our belief that wind energy is not the best alternative for our area given all the negative impacts associated with it.

This proposed project, if constructed, will have **long term, negative, and irrevocable** impacts upon more than 10,000 residents and citizens of the Townships of Hegins, Porter, Frailey, Tremont, and Hubley as well as the communities of Tower City, Donaldson, Good Spring, Fountain, Hegins, Spring Glen, Sacramento, Valley View, Molleystown, Lincoln, Ravine, Keffers, Joliet, Reinerton, Orwin, Muir and Sheridan. It will impact the environment, property values, noise levels, and most importantly, the overall quality of life, health, and welfare of the residents of all of these communities. It should also be noted that the initiators of this project do not live in the areas impacted, so they do not share the same kind of concerns about the quality of life issues of the residents.

In addition to community opposition to the project, numerous conservation groups have submitted letters in opposition to the project to the Hegins Township Zoning Hearing Board and to Schuylkill County Planning and Zoning. They have highlighted the inadequacy of the current permit applications made by the applicant concerning the environmental studies regarding bats and birds, as well as the fact that these turbines in number, height, and location will have a major impact on the Appalachian Flyway heavily used by East Coast migratory birds and raptors.

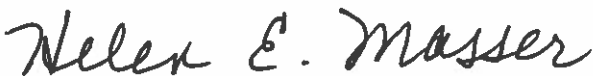
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east coast of America is a major logistical concern. To date, after more than a two year effort, the wind company has not been able to mitigate the impacts of this project on Fort Indiantown Gap, and they remain opposed to the project.

Schuylkill County Airport (Joe Zerbe), a growing airport which supports the industries along the I-81 Corridor, is also adamantly opposed to this project due the irrevocable impacts on its airspace and operations. This airport has been vital to the Highridge Industrial Park in attracting and keeping industry and providing jobs for workers in Schuylkill County.

I urge you to use your forum to discuss these issues with those in attendance. I believe after a thorough consideration of these detrimental impacts, you and your Policy Group will come to the conclusion, that the location, size, height, of this proposed project is not beneficial to the State of Pennsylvania, its citizens, and its environs. I hope you will do what you can to oppose its construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen E. Masser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Virginia and Larry Morton, Residents of Porter Township, Schuylkill County, PA

