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Mr. Daniel F. Caruso
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Petition No. 980 BNE Energy, Wind Project, Prospect
Petition No. 983 BNE Energy, Wind Project, Colebrook
Petition No. 984 BNE Energy, Wind Project, Colebrook North (Route 44)

Dear Mr. Caruso:

Before rolling out large numbers of wind turbines on hills and ridgelines, the State of Connecticut has the unique opportunity to learn from wind farms in other states and do its best to ensure the health and safety of its citizens. The State of Connecticut and many of its towns, including Colebrook, do not have regulations for wind farms in residential areas. The State and towns need time to plan for this substantial change in our mix of energy resources. We ask that the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) call for a moratorium on commercial wind energy applications and initiate regulation-making proceedings on the subject.

Essential questions need answers -- what are the appropriate setbacks from homes, occupied buildings, property lines, wetlands, and local and state roads? Noise, shadow flicker, ice throws, mechanical failure, fire safety, environmental effects, decommissioning, bonding, tax assessments, and the size and weight of trucks and cranes used to install and repair huge turbines are just some of the other issues that every wind farm and every town will need to address and live with for many years.

The public and its elected representatives deserve to be heard on the issues, before acres of forestland are cleared, gravel roads built, and wetlands destroyed to accommodate wind farms in residential areas. In addition to a moratorium and the initiation of regulation-making proceedings, we urge the CSC to hold public hearings locally on all applications.

Sincerely,

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CC: See attached list

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To view the three wind farm applications currently before the Connecticut Siting Council, visit their web site, www.ct.gov/csc, and scroll down the page to Petitions 980, 983, and 984.