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The Honorable Daniel E. Caruso
Chairman
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RE: Colebrook Wind Turbine Development

Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the Siting Council:

I am writing regarding the proposed construction of utility-scale wind turbines in Colebrook, Connecticut. While I am a strong supporter of alternative and renewable energy solutions, it is vital that we plan and execute such solutions with care and respect to existing communities.

Over the past two months I have received numerous phone calls and letters from constituents condemning the construction of the wind turbines in Colebrook. Tourism is a major driver in the local economy and many feel that the present plan for placement of wind turbines will have a negative effect on businesses attracting customers to the area.

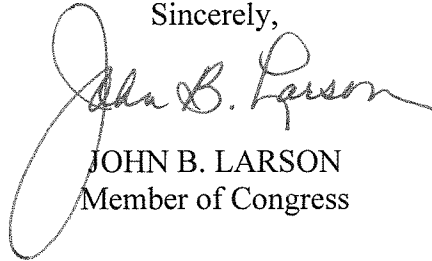
In addition, many residents of Colebrook live in the area primarily because they enjoy the quiet and scenic landscape. It has been brought to my attention that the present plan will create problems for residents including excessive noise, shadow flicker and ice throws which can combine to negatively impact property values and quality of life.

Connecticut is consistently ranked near the bottom of the fifty states for wind energy capacity. Our state is not well suited for wind power, making it important that any testing and pilot programs for wind energy be conducted with extreme care to not unfairly hamper the community. Alternative and renewable energy solutions are essential for our nation's

development; however, from my perspective, the proposed construction of wind turbines in Colebrook seems to unjustly impact the community for the potential of energy generation.

Thank you for taking my letter into consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me or my District Office Chief of Staff, John Rossi, at (860) 278-8888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John B. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the word "John".

JOHN B. LARSON
Member of Congress

cc:

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