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Mr. Birkholz:

I am not in support of Prairie Wind Farms and their efforts to establish a wind farm in northwest Parkers Prairie. I find so many problems with these turbines, which I made clear in the open meeting
on April 19, 2011. As noted in numerous examples throughout the
state and nation, there are significant problems associated with wind farms, including low frequency noise, subsequent mental and medical complications, environmental concerns with wildlife, restricted pilot flying for pleasure and work, interference with land aesthetics, lowered property values, flickering lights, reduced farm production, and more.

As wind farms are considered to be about green energy, why are so many farmers and communities engaged in lawsuits, primarily due to the above concerns and current setback distances? Why are many in Europe now unsupportive of wind farms, despite their former enthusiasm? Why aren't we attempting more to find energy that helps put gas in our vehicles vs. electric energy that we are in abundance of? Why are other neighboring states more responsive to the concerns noted above and are establishing more restrictive guidelines? Why is it that there are no local electric companies that want to buy wind power from this wind farm? Why are we considering Prairie Wind Energy when it is interrupting or interfering in productive farm land in this area? For that matter, why would wind energy systems be considered in any productive land? I thought that this wind energy program would not be seriously considered if it actually interfered with farm production or other business already established and maintained in the area? There is no justification that this wind energy project would not interfere in these activities. I, as well as many others, would be very sad and disappointed if you approved such a project.

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