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I would like to go on record as **objecting** to the wind towers being proposed for Elmo Township and the surrounding community. We currently also own a farm that has been in the family for over a century which is adjacent to property owned by the Carlson family. We have been approached by Terry Carlson numerous times regarding a wind tower and also being asked to sign off on set backs so that neighbors could put wind towers on their property (**of course as far from their homes as possible**.) We chose to live where we do because of the solitude and love of nature that we both enjoy. These wind towers would be a disturbance of that habitat. In addition to the unknowns such as noise and flicker of the turbines we do not know what will happen to property values. Who wants to buy a property that is surrounded by wind towers??? There will also be traffic running up an down field roads servicing these wind turbines. Also, if you do go to places that have wind turbines, much of the time they are not even turning. Why?? Government subsidies are what is keeping these wind farms profitable. When will those stop?
They are also using poor economic times to sway people into thinking that these wind turbines are going to be their God-send. To provide them with income needed to continue the family farm. Many don't realize that they also will be taxed on this income. $5000 sounds pretty good when the economy has been brutal the last few years.
Our small country church was also approached on signing on for a wind tower to be located on property just behind our church and cemetery. I choose to be a member of this church that has set out on the prairie for over 125 years. I do not want a disturbance of that. But just the proposal of this is dividing the few members that we have left.
Wind towers may have their place, but it should not be dotted amongst farms and small towns with the promise of how much the community will benefit from this. Put them along the freeways which already have large right of ways and power lines running right there. Maybe the cities and states that don't conserve energy should have to provide land for wind farms to provide them with power.

Thank you.
Regards,
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