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Testifying in opposition to H.2980

Our town is currently in the midst of a special permit for the installation of what would be the largest wind turbines in the State. During the last 7 months I and the majority of the town residents have been working to understand the implications of having 50+ story towers setting on the top of the ridge lines within our town.

The town of Peru is the highest town center in the state.

Beautiful scenery, a quiet and peaceful way of life. No stores, no business's, no post office. Only residential living, retirement and farming. No industrial facilities and only one cell tower.

From research, the majority of the town residents have determined that much more is needed for the proper siting of any industrial wind turbine within a residentially only zoned area.

Unless you live there, as Paul mark does, you would have no idea of the impact of the turbines on the town residents and the town in general.

Removing siting and zoning controls from the local town residents is most certainly NOT what is best for the town(s).

We are all for renewable energy and protecting the environment, but not at the expense of having no input into the impact on our homes, our health, our property values and the local environment.

While visiting NYC a couple of weeks ago we stopped at Bryant Park for lunch. It was about 60 degrees and sunny. At each of the 30+ tables was a mounted radiant heater using about 5,000 watts of energy each to keep the customers warm. All while they were watching the ice skaters on the manmade skating rink using who knows how much energy to freeze the water!

We don't need centralized siting for renewable energy, there won't ever be enough to support the ice skating.