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Dear Senator Keenan !

We are counting on you to apply your leadership to stop WESRA. We are surprised to hear it is alive after the citizens and towns have spoken loud and clearly, especially those towns who are likely to incur the most turbines if they are otherwise supported.

WESRA simply must not happen or outrage never before seen will prevail. It is wrong — simply and morally wrong. The Governor is wrong and too far down a track to admit it. He is listening to the wrong people which makes him complicit.

Thank you

Walter and Susan Cudnohufsky

For the fifth year in a row, the governor is pushing to remove local control over the permitting of wind turbine projects, and to consolidate permitting under his control through passage of the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act (WESRA)

Community outrage has stopped this terrible bill each year in the legislature, and we need to rally again to oppose it forcefully. Your presence on Beacon Hill is urgently needed next Tuesday, December 3rd, 1:00 p.m., to oppose it. If you cannot join us at the Beacon Hill public hearing, a quick phone call or email to your legislator would be very helpful.â€”Briefly, WESRA gives a state agency appointed by the governor the authority to permit one or more wind turbines whether or not the host town wants the project.â€”Under WESRA, the state decides which towns have significant wind resources. Once a developer files an application with one of those towns, that town must establish a wind siting review board. Once appointed, that board has no oversight by local elected officials, and can waive local bylaws in order to approve a project.â€”Once the town board issues a decision - whether an approval or a denial - the developer may take the project to the state Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) for an expedited comprehensive state permit.â€”Under WESRA, if the town board approves the project, the only appeal allowed by neighbors is to the EFSB, which considers the appeal during its review of the project.â€”Regardless of the local decision, the EFSB must approve the project if it meets standards adopted under WESRA, and it may approve the project even if those standards are not met. Regardless of the local decision, the state permit prevails.â€”WESRA is a complex piece of legislation, but the bottom line it is a bad deal for towns and citizens throughout our state.â€”Here are bills that we support: