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From: Calligraphics [<mailto:calligraphic@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 3:06 PM
To: Downing, Benjamin (SEN); Keenan, John - Rep. (HOU)
Subject: Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy

Dear Mr. Downing and Mr. Keenan,

I OPPOSE H.2980 by Rep. Smizik and S.1591 by Sen. Finegold. Under these bills, 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.

These bills are dangerous in more than one way. They take local control away from local citizens, who would have no say in what happens right next door to their homes. AND these bills would set a precedence, paving the way for the Commonwealth to enact other bills that take local control away from local authorities & local citizens. These bills must be defeated!

On the other hand, I urge you to SUPPORT the following bills:

H.2987 , H.2969 , and S.1604

These bills establish two funds to help neighbors and towns: a Wind Energy Relief Fund to cover losses as a result of detrimental health effects, and a Wind Turbine Decommissioning or Relocation Fund for municipalities as compensation for decommissioning or relocation of a wind turbine located inappropriately.

H.2970

This bill establishes a special commission to investigate and study health impacts of wind turbines.

H.2957 Would authorize coastal cities and towns to designate certain coastal areas as exclusion zones for wind turbine development.

H.2959 Would prohibit development of wind electric generation facilities detrimental to the operation of structures used for transmission of radio or telecommunications.

S.1618 Would provide that offshore facilities generating electricity from wind power will not be presumed to be water dependent.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,

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