

Dear Senators,

I know you will be discussing and voting on S.230 Monday morning. I have a few points I would like to make:

1. Vermont's current noise standard is 45 dBA *averaged* over an hour. That is truly no standard at all and does not protect Vermonters. The averaging allows for sound level spikes at much greater than 45 dBA's over an hour - 50's and even 60's.
2. Vermont's noise standard is not enforced at all. Even when neighbors have sophisticated sound monitoring equipment they are told that it is noise from the trees (even if they video the trees not moving). Then, they say, that they need to know the sound throughout an hour because even if you see 50 or 60 dBA, the average could still be within the standard.
And, it is only the neighbors who are trying to enforce the standard. There is no group within the State that actively monitors or reviews problems at the existing wind sites.
3. Vermont ignores the impacts of Infrasound even though it has been proven to be an issue world wide.
4. Vermont has NO setback standards for these 499 foot structures.
5. These structures will be obsolete before we ever reach 2050 and therefore they will not help us to make the goal of 90% by 2050. There is no need to rush into this without forethought and statewide planning.

Please ensure that the sound standard rule making becomes law so that Vermonters can be properly protected from Industrial Wind. In addition, please give the department the time frame that they have asked for to complete the rule making so that it can be right. This is not a process that should be short-changed with a deadline that sets the department up for failure.

142 house representatives all want to see this done and done right. I hope you do too.

Respectfully,

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