From: Maryann John
To: Murphy, Donald;
Subject: Twnshp 16 Wind Turbine Proposal
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Mr. Murphy,
As a resident of Eastbrook who lives very close to the Township 16 boundary line, I am very concerned about the proposed siting of wind turbines there by First Wind. The Maine Medical Association has recommended a moratorium on wind turbine development until the health risks to humans can be fully assessed. This recommendation has been made partly due to the health problems that residents have encountered with the wind turbines that have already been erected and brought online. Please heed the MMA's advice and refuse at this time to allow more turbines to be erected in Maine and particularly in Township 16.

I have followed closely the meetings in Eastbrook involving First Wind and our town and its proposed wind power ordinance. Throughout the winter, spring and summer, Dave Fowler, the project manager, led us to believe that First Wind planned up to 48 turbines in Eastbrook and Twnshp 16, each to be 476' tall and using 1.8MW Vestas turbines. Then in the fall, at one of the very last meetings of our Planning Committee, Mr. Fowler raises his hand to state that First Wind may want to put up 3MW turbines on 500' towers. "They're just one decibel louder," he said. My point here is that what First Wind says now to you is its intent may not be its intent at all. First Wind is an energy corporation whose CEO Paul Gaynor is a former Enron executive and whose objective is to make money. The government of Maine must protect its citizens from exploitation of its natural resources to the detriment of our everyday lives and our enjoyment of our natural environment. Maine government must protect its citizens from the major noise pollution, with its unknown health effects, and the major scenic disruption on our ridgelines that is being sought by corporate interests.
Health is wealth. Without it, all the money or jobs or whatever one thinks is important, becomes quite UNimportant until health is regained. I, my family and my neighbors need to be sure that our health will not be put in jeopardy for some hoped-for economic gain. The effects of low frequency noise have not had enough adequate study to make clear judgments.
Please give these thoughts, as well as ALL the facts, due consideration as First Wind makes its case to you. We rely on you to protect us.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann John