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To: Murphy, Donald;
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Hello Donald,

As a life long Mainer, I oppose DP4886, the application from First Wind to build in Hancock County. How much more of Maine does LURC want to ruin? No, no, no. We cannot erect wind turbines in the unorganized territories of Hancock County. Leave these places wild.

It MIGHT be one thing if the power generated would help reduce the cost of power in Maine, but we all know this power will go into the grid and head to Massachusetts and New York and elsewhere.

And the most dastardly thing about wind turbines is that in ten years they will be outdated and we'll be using tidal turbines and other more environmentally friendly sources of power. No, no, no to DP 4886.

I grew up in the mountains and lakes of western Maine in an organized town: Waterford. I have lived in many parts of this dear state of Maine, and I have hiked and paddled in many places in just about every county of our state. I do not want the views that I and thousands of other Mainers and tourists enjoy to be ruined by the behemoths of wind generation. I don't want the roads constructed in and around precious ponds and over the sides of mountains where erosion and drainage will alter all the micro - environments of the land that will be traversed and ruined.

Why are we considering all this destruction of our precious environment that will be ruined by a big out of state company? Why? First Wind is making money hand over fist, while ruining the habitat of many rare and endangered species in Maine. Why??????

I say 'NO' , vehemently, to DP4886. Keep the huge conglomerate companies out of Maine, don't let them ruin our state and then run, and don't let them buy their way into our precious resources.

When I drive around Schoodic or hike one of the many hills and mountains in Hancock County, I want to see ocean, mountain tops, fir trees, Rosa rugosa, warblers, and all the things I enjoy in the Maine woods. That does not include the largest wind turbines in Maine. No, no, no.

Please, consider the future of Maine. Do you have children? Do you want them to have to deal with removing these monstrosities in ten or fifteen years when they are outdated? Where is all the junk going to go? I dont' even want to think about the now, the destruction and all. I can't think about it. IF these towers are erected, they will be blemishes on a landscape that has no right to be destroyed. Who gives us the right to decide to place several story high towers in the midst of the natural beauty of Hancock County? And furthermore, IF these are erected, who then takes care of them when they are outdated and obsolete? It is too late then. The roads have been made, the species have redistributed or died out, the ponds have been ruined, the swimming pool sized concrete foundations will sit there. In two hundred years people will see these huge masses of concrete and wonder who could have been stupid enough to put them in the middle of nowhere.

I hope you see what folly this would be.

Thank you.

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A native Mainer