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North Dakota Public Service Commissioners:

Hon. Julie Fedorchak
Hon. Brian Kroshus
Hon. Randy Christman

Concerning: Proposed Burke Wind Project

Dear Commissioners:

I am greatly concerned with the direction all government is going. Our country was founded and maintained under the principle "a government by and for the people", but it has turned into a government by and for government and more government control.

The proposed Burke County Wind Project is a pet project of the Zoning Director and former Burke County Commission Chairman who was also ex-officio member and chairman of the Zoning Board. The Chairman is no longer on the Commission or the Zoning Board.

In my experience of being a Burke County Commissioner and ex-officio on the zoning board only zoning changes **approved** by the zoning board went to the commissioners for final approval. I don't understand how the county commissioners can override a 5 to 1 vote of their appointed zoning board which didn't approve of the zoning changes.

In the last ten years since I retired from the Burke County Commissioner, they have adopted a dictatorial style of governance. The Commissioners have:

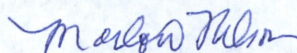
1. required being on the meeting agenda prior to the meeting even if invited by a member of the commission.
2. adopted a Land taxation program that doesn't follow state law.
3. refused to look at and understand state law.
4. refused to provide documentation on how land parcel value and taxation has been determined. (Open meeting/information law)
5. rejected any and all public input that is against there personal desire and benefit.

I would have never thought this would happen by a local board made up of local people on local government.

I personally don't want wind towers or high voltage power lines on my land, but on this proposed project I will have their power line just off the edge of my property. I am concerned of the health hazards and risks close to my livestock and where I work and live.

I ask for your vote to oppose the project on the basis of public concern and support for our own Zoning Board who voted it down with a 5 to 1 vote. We need to get back to "Government by and for the People". For any additional information call 701-464-5730.

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Resident and Former Burke County Commissioner

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