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Senate Bill 86

Written Testimony

Proponent

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To the Senate Committee on Local Government,

I am writing you today as an adamant proponent of SB86. I have witnessed the actions of county commissioners in 4 different counties in northeastern Kansas in dealing with the issue of industrial wind energy. These decisions are not small in nature and not only affect their respective counties but citizens in their neighboring counties and in some cases neighboring states. The interactions of the county commissions and the company who built or is building the wind energy conversion systems in my opinion is suspect and should be reviewed. Directly with my county there were numerous breaches of KOMA and KORA policies that the state penalized the county for. In another county there is clear examples of family members of the commissioners being direct beneficiaries of the wind project. To me this is a conflict of interest, and the commissioner was not acting in the public's interest.

Please pass this legislation to ensure that for future green energy projects there is a "Check" on this form of local government to better ensure a fair process for ALL the citizens in the county and not just for those citizens who sign up for these projects.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Regards,

Jonathan Sill