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SB46
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To: Senate Utilities Committee, State of Kansas,

Our Kansas sky in Marshall county has become just red blinking lights. It is such a shame to ruin one of the best things Kansas is known for, our beautiful open sky, filled with millions of stars. I live in the footprint of Irish Creek Wind Farm and the red blinking lights are terrible and can be seen from far.

These companies are coming into our state and not even considering preserving the beauty of open spaces and the beautiful night sky in Kansas. That beauty is why many of us chose to live here in the first place. That is why this bill is so important to existing wind farms. NextEra did not even apply for the light-mitigating technology system with the federal aviation administration in Marshall County.

We need these lights turned off, I understand that they will be on when an airplane is in the area, and I understand that completely. I believe that they would be on very little and probably not at all most nights. We live with the unbelievable noise every day and night from the turbines, so having our night sky back would be wonderful.

Please vote for this bill to move out of committee. I thank our state legislators in advance for taking a stance to restore our beautiful Kansas sky.

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