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Douglass Township Planning Commission,

As we are not able to attend the public hearings on February 22, 2023 with respect to Wind Energy System ordinances we are submitting the following as our public comment.

We fully support the repealing of the 2017 Wind Ordinance as it was not legally noticed, it does not protect the citizens of Douglass Township and it was not supported by voters in the November 2022 election.

We fully support moratoriums on Wind Energy and Solar Energy permits until new ordinances are adopted to protect the community.

We support the following provisions in a new Wind Energy Ordinance:

1. All sound measured as LMAX. (35db at night and 40db during the day)
2. A maximum WECS tip height of 250'.
3. A minimum ground clearance from the blades of 100'.
4. Setbacks from rivers and wetlands of 1 mile.
5. Setbacks from lakes of 2.5 miles required for float plane safety.

6. Setbacks from roadways of 3 times the tip height of the WECS.

7. Setbacks from non-participating PROPERTY LINES of 5 times the tip height of the WECS.

8. Leasing landowners ultimately responsible for decommissioning.

9. No shadow flicker on non-participating properties and roadways.

10. Absolutely no turbines without working radar detection equipment.

We truly believe these provisions are required to ensure the HEALTH, SAFETY and WELFARE of Douglass Township.

Thank you for your work to protect our community. Please add this to the official public record.

Sincerely,

Steve and Sheila Crooks

