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David Carignan, Health Agent
Town of Falmouth
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Falmouth Town Hall
59 Town Hall Square
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Re: NOTUS Wind Turbine at Technology Park

Dear Mr. Carignan:

I work full time at 81 Technology Park Drive in Falmouth in a building that is approximately 650 feet from the NOTUS wind turbine. Since this turbine went into full operation, I've been suffering from vertigo, dizziness, tinnitus, and a feeling of pressure in my ears. The pressure can best be described as the feeling you get when driving up a mountain; except that yawning or chewing gum doesn't ease the pressure as it does when driving up a mountain. The vertigo is constant, even when I'm at home in Harwich. If I look up, down, or turn my head quickly, the room seems like it's spinning rapidly and I have to hold onto something so I don't fall down. When I lay down in my bed at night, the room spins and the same thing happens if I turn over in bed. This sometimes causes nausea. I also have trouble concentrating at work, but not at home. I am in perfect health with no history of motion sickness, ear problems, or vertigo. I do not take any prescription medications and have normal blood pressure, etc.

I was excited when the turbine was being constructed because clean energy and reducing our dependence on foreign oil is important. My opinion on wind power has not changed. However, I have learned these turbines need to be placed far away from where people live and work.

I was home in Harwich for four days during the Christmas holiday and my vertigo lessened so much that I could move my head with only minor dizziness, rather than needing to grab onto something to keep from falling. The blocked feeling in my ears cleared up, as well. Today I returned to work and my ears feel blocked and the vertigo is worsening.

Since I do not own property in Falmouth, this is not a case of "not in my backyard". My symptoms are not caused by lack of sleep because I sleep in Harwich and generally get a good night's sleep, except for when I roll over and the vertigo wakes me up, but I am able to go back to sleep after it passes. I do not know any of the people who live near these turbines, but my heart goes out to them. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Benevides

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