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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of Mr. Barry Funfar's complaint regarding noise generated from the windmill installed near his home. Mr. Funfar is currently receiving treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) at the VA Medical Center in Providence, RI related to his military service. PTSD is an anxiety disorder characterized by symptoms including sensitivity to loud or unexpected noises, watchfulness, irritability, sleep disturbance, and nightmares. These symptoms cause significant distress to the individual and impair functioning in a number of domains. Mr. Funfar has been making great progress in treatment in recent years. However, his symptoms have worsened significantly since the installation of the windmill. He is experiencing great difficulty with anxiety, irritability, concentration, and sleep disturbance. These symptoms are causing him significant distress and impairment in his daily functioning. His backyard, previously his "sanctuary" where he spent many peaceful hours gardening, is now a place of stress and conflict. Please consider the mental and physical health of the individuals who are affected by this windmill, particularly those, like Mr. Funfar, who have already sacrificed so much for our country. Should you require further information you may contact me at (401) 273-7100 x 6169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Capone".

Christy Capone, PhD
Clinical Psychologist