

April 8, 2013

Dear Friends,

Three months ago we wrote to US Senator Susan Collins requesting support for a Congressional hearing on noise impacts from industrial wind turbines.

Now we need your help to raise this important policy issue with Senator Collins.

We are not alone in Maine. Citizens in many states who live near wind turbines are experiencing the same trauma –homes turned to sacrifice zones by wind turbine noise — without resolution by government regulation or enforcement. We decided to do something, but “doing something” requires the attention of Congress.

Please start by writing Senator Collins to lend your support. Our message is simple:

- 1) We want a Congressional committee to investigate noise impacts from industrial wind turbines.
- 2) A Congressional hearing is necessary because states are failing to regulate noise from industrial wind turbines, robbing citizens of their health, property values, and quality of life.
- 3) A Congressional hearing on wind turbine noise will educate decision makers, the public, and inform public policy.

If we are able to gain support, Congress will hear for the first time from citizens impacted by wind turbine noise, doctors, engineers, professionals and experts. Please call or write to Senator Collins, today.

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Sincerely,

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PS. By return email, please copy me on your correspondence or confirmation of your call to the Senator’s office. Thank you and we promise to keep you posted!

December 20, 2012

The Honorable Susan M. Collins 413 Dirksen Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins,

We live in Belgrade, Maine today, but we are from Vinalhaven. In 2012 we were forced from our Vinalhaven home by the noise from three 1.5 MW wind turbines operated by Fox Islands Wind. We are writing you to ask for your help and leadership to convene a hearing of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee of the US Senate to investigate the issue that has up-ended our lives: **the effects and impacts of wind turbine noise.**

Wind turbines have proliferated throughout the United States, thanks to the production tax credit for wind energy. The collateral damage from industrial wind turbine noise has been a disaster for neighbors across the nation: from Washington State, to Michigan, to Massachusetts, New York, and Maine.

Wind turbine noise is caused by mechanical sources of noise within the apparatus and the interaction of wind on turbine blades. The vibrations caused by these blades can penetrate the air for miles and affect everything in their path.

Wind turbine noise is lightly and poorly regulated by the states. On Vinalhaven, despite significant advance information that wind turbine noise would affect neighbors, the community moved forward to create, in effect, a “residential sacrifice zone”. We have spent considerable money of our own simply to engage the state of Maine’s regulatory agency to admit the inadequacies of state law. Like any other polluter, the industry has succeeded in thwarting better regulations to protect people and property rights.

Fleeing from wind turbine noise is not how we planned to spend our retirement savings. We are the lucky ones. Most of us in this situation cannot move away from the noise because of the need to sell first in order to afford to buy another home away from the turbines. And who will buy a home in the wind turbine sacrifice zone?

Our involvement has put us in touch with many who have experienced similar disasters to health, property values, and quality of life as well as acoustic experts with years of experience tracking this public policy issue. We would envision a committee hearing offering direct testimony of those living with wind turbine noise as well as experts who could review existing standards and offer information and guidance to public safety and policy makers.

We enclose some relevant press clips and information (including our website: www.fiwn.wordpress.com) and look forward to your earliest reply.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, Chairman, Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Ranking Member