

DEAR EDITOR:

I am responding to Michael Wrasman's Letter to the Editor dated July 6 regarding wind turbines. Obviously, Mr. Wrasman has not done his homework regarding the problems wind turbines create not only for the people that have to live around them but also for the animals.

First, I would like to tell Mr. Wrasman Saint Francis of Assisi is the protector of animals and he would not approve of wind turbines. Most people love to see migrating birds, Canadian geese, Sandhill cranes and the local birds. The wind turbines have and will continue to kill these birds as they fly into the turbines, according to the National Wildlife Foundation.

Wind turbines are incompatible with farming. A farmer testified he will never be able to spray his field by air again because he can't get insurance. Farming and living in a peaceful rural community are gone once turbines come. Also, there will be a loss of property value, ruined landscapes, noise, blade flicker, interference with the use and enjoyment of property and red flashing lights all night that can affect mental, physical and emotional health. Some people will be forced to move from their homes because of the bad effects turbines create. Some people are able to relocate; many are not because of money issues, it would cost too much. These are the things everyone should know about turbines.

Mr. Wrasman also states that wind turbines are a great resource to generate energy in remote locations, such as the remote countryside. The area where the company wants to put these turbines is not remote. Yes, have the wind turbines in remote areas where people don't live so people don't have to endure the bad effects that turbines create on people.

There are many beautiful homes in this area. Most people that live in the country don't want to look out their window 24/7 and see these wind turbines flying around. They want to see the beautiful countryside, not a bunch of "whirly birds", as you call them.

Wind turbines are not a win-win proposition for all involved. It is only a win for the large corporations that get individuals to lease their land to them. These people don't have to live around turbines. Do your own research.

On March 29, the Wisconsin Ag Connection reported that Wisconsin Sen. Frank Lasee plans to introduce legislation that would give families that have been physically, emotionally or financially harmed by industrial wind turbines the legal right to sue for damages.

If I understand correctly, Sen. Lasee's bill will enable anyone who is harmed by industrial wind turbines the ability to sue both the wind tower owner and the owner of the land on which the tower is located for loss of property value, cost of moving, cost of medical expenses, pain and suffering, attorney fees and any other loss as a result of the industrial wind turbine that is too close to their home or property.

Sen. Lasee states, "It is unconscionable for a family that has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in their home that they have lived in for years to be forced to move because an industrial wind tower is built nearby or wish that they could move but just can't afford it."

It has been reported by Fox News the Cape Cod Community of Falmouth, Mass., is considering taking down their wind turbines at the community's expense because of the adverse health effects on those people in the area.

In closing, I would like to say wind turbines for the corporations that provide them and the subsidies that they get from the government are all about big bucks for them. Forget about the people who may live in proximity to the wind farms. Forget about the birds and animals. Forget about how everything is linked together. Once this is "done," it's almost impossible to get it "undone."

Mr. Wrasman, please don't ruin other people's lives because you and your wife like to see the "whirly birds," as you call them (wind turbines), doing their thing.

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