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As a concerned resident of Tri-Cities, Washington, I am outraged by the proposed wind turbine project that threatens to devastate our community in more ways than one. The proposed windmills for the Horse Heaven area will be taller than the space needle and is a money pit. The windmills do not produce enough energy to pay for themselves. They wipe out the hawks, eagles and other birds. The footprint of these windmills is huge. They have to dig down, put in rebar and concrete that will hold them up and that infrastructure will be there forever. Scout Energy does not pay to have them removed when the windmill will need to be replaced in 20 years, the landowner is responsible for that. Yet we the citizens get to pay for all of this with higher rates and higher climate commitment taxes on everything we use. Sounds good to have green energy but the cleanest energy we have is from hydro dams, and next is nuclear. The coal fired energy plants would have met the standard but during the Obama years after the coal fired energy plants showed they could meet the standard the government raised the standard to a level they couldn't meet BUT the government had no problem with selling our coal to China. How is that for being concerned about the environment? We can't use Coal for our power grid but our democratic government can sell it to China for them to have cheap energy. President Trump is scaling back funding for these ill-conceived green energy projects. As they cost too much money for very little return. Though the cost to our environment is vast. For example, the blades on these windmills will be longer and the towers higher. What is the death rate of the eagles, hawks and other wildlife? We can't kill them to protect our livestock but you'll allow windmills to wipe them out. What will that do for the endangered species act? Instead of removing our dams, build more hydro dams, put in fish ladders and start a bounty on the sea lions and seals that swim up the Columbia to eat the salmon. They don't eat the whole salmon they just take a bite out and then swim on to the next fish. Maybe reduce the amount of gill nets and how many tribal members can be on the river in a specific period of time. Give the fish a chance. Build better fish hatcheries. Stop taking trees and brush away from the rivers to keep the water cooler. Put in more efficient power plants such as Nuclear, coal fired energy plants or natural gas energy plants. Let us use our natural resources and stop this insanity of trying to force "green energy" on us that isn't really green. How far do you have to move the blades to bury them on farmland and what is the cost of that? The other major concern I have is SAFETY!!!! Every two years we get a big fire out in the Horse Heaven hill and foot hills. We have tankers fly over to put these fires out before they destroy homes and crops. With the huge monstrous wind mills will the large tanker planes be able to access enough area to maneuver to stop the fires? Please take into consideration our concerns. I urge you to reconsider this expense energy source that will be very inefficient to supply our power grid. Having a reliable source of energy is important but wind mills are not the solution. It should not come at the expense of taxpayers nor our community's natural beauty, our wildlife and our community's well being. Submitted by Barbara Thompson Benton City, WA 99320

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