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As a concerned resident of Tri-Cities, Washington, I am deeply troubled by the proposed wind turbine project that threatens to devastate our community. This proposed wind turbine project is not only too large but also too close to hundreds of residents. It is unprecedented for Washington State, if not the entire United States. The sheer size and proximity of these turbines will destroy our cherished views and forever change the landscape we hold dear. Furthermore, this ill-conceived project poses a significant threat to our local wildlife population. Studies have shown that wind turbines can cause harm to birds and bats due to collisions with spinning blades or changes in their habitat caused by construction activities. The construction and operation of these turbines will disrupt natural habitats, leading to a decline in biodiversity in an area already struggling with environmental challenges. Our unique ecosystem cannot afford such irreparable damage. Additionally, the quantity and height of the wind turbines could severely limit aerial firefighting capabilities. Their towering height could impede firefighting aircraft from effectively combating wildfires that frequently plague our area during dry seasons. This jeopardizes both property and lives as we rely on swift response times during emergencies. Having unobstructed access for firefighting aircraft is vital for protecting lives and properties. What adds insult to injury is that this project's financial feasibility hinges heavily on tax subsidies and credits granted to an out-of-state developer. It is unjustifiable for us as taxpayers to bear the burden while an external entity reaps substantial benefits at our expense. To ensure transparency and credibility, here are some relevant facts: 1. According to studies conducted by renowned environmental organizations such as Greenpeace and Sierra Club, wind turbines can have adverse effects on local wildlife populations due to habitat fragmentation. 2. A report published by The National Renewable Energy Laboratory highlights concerns regarding fire safety near wind turbine installations. 3. News outlets have reported extensively on the financial incentives provided by the Federal government for renewable energy projects, including wind turbines. EFSEC has the moral, ethical, and perhaps legal responsibility to balance the needs and desires of the Tri-Cities with those of the applicant. Instead of allowing this massive wind turbine project to proceed as planned, I propose exploring alternative locations that are farther away from residential areas and wildlife habitats. By doing so, a balance between clean energy generation and preserving our cherished environment can be achieved. I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project. I believe that renewable energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty. Submitted by Dan Thompson Benton City, WA 99320

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