***Sample Letter to Local Legislators on Economic Impact of Wind Turbines***

The primary rationale for the Prattsburgh Town Board’s current support of the proposed Terra-Gen industrial wind project in our town (projected to be 40± turbines, each 600± feet tall), is that the developer claims it will be a financial windfall for our community.

Clearly such an assertion is self-serving. The only way the Town can make an **informed decision** about the community economics for this wind project is to fully assess ALL of its local financial **pros** *and* **cons**. In other words, it is the Prattsburgh Town Board’s responsibility to perform an **objective** and **comprehensive** assessment of ALL potential economic impacts to the entire community — *before* giving any approvals to this complex, long-term project.

To date, no such assessment has been performed by the Town. We would hope that such information would be readily available from State agencies. For example, the Dept. of Health should be monitoring wind turbine health effects on State citizens. Similarly for the Departments of Agriculture, Tourism, etc. We believe State agencies are not developing such data because they are motivated by politics.

We are requesting you to provide a balanced economic assessment of this community matter of vital importance to our town. Please contact *Prattsburgh Preservation Alliance* (at PrattsburghVoice.com) with any questions you have.

Sincerely, [your name], a concerned citizen of Prattsburgh

(adapted from example by *John Droz*, published in

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