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To every decision maker,

I am against any wind turbine development in San Diego East County.

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I am a resident of Ocotillo where Pattern Energy was allowed to construct 112 wind turbines that surround my home. My house is located slightly over 1/2 mile away from the nearest wind turbine. At times the noise is so loud we can't enjoy our own property and are jailed inside our own home to escape the thumping, swooshing and irregular noises that the turbines generate at certain wind speeds and humidity conditions. The bright red blinking aircraft warning lights keep us inside our home at night, as they make our once dark skies and bright stars impossible to enjoy. Just trying to live around the wind turbine spinning blades is annoying and stressful as they are continuous distraction. It's always such a relief when the blades don't spin and the birds start chirping again. Speaking of birds, how many raptors and bats will be killed, is killing anything right?

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Wind turbines are unreliable and have increased our dependence on natural gas. Load following power generating facilities, that are not efficient, are required to ramp up and down to enable our grid to remain stable when the wind changes speed and when the wind doesn't blow.

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Property values drop and that is not fair for local property owners. Please look at property values in McCain Valley now, compared to where they were 3 years ago!

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Everyone in San Diego East County should be worried about a wind turbine catching fire and causing a range fire. The possibilities are real and the wind developer down plays this possibility.

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We hear so much propaganda about how much wind generation is helping us to reduce greenhouse gases! Wind energy only contributes to about 7% of our nations consumption. The wind industries hype and marketing would like us all to believe that wind is actually working, but it's not. The Wind industry doesn't include maintenance, repairs and transportation in any of their greenhouse gas reduction figures. For example a simple gearbox replacement could require about 27 huge diesel trucks to haul in the crane components needed for a replacement. Ocotillo Wind has replaced about 27 gearboxes since it began operation 7 years ago. We see 1 to 4 trucks repairing and checking for problems, like broken blades, at 4 turbines almost every single day and sometimes much more. And, the commute is at least 60 miles round trip for each truck, and don't forget the 20 other personal vehicles that commute everyday.

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So what exactly are the real reasons to keep building wind turbines and placing them next to people? Money!

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No one should have to live next to a wind turbine facility. Enough is enough! Please stop the monsters from hell!

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