Hi, I am Dr. Wanda Iza, family medicine recently retired from Memorial Healthcare in Owosso. My concern is the need to address public health and safety into the alternative energy bills being considered.

Regulations need to be addressed in order to protect health of rural communities. I would encourage you all to learn how sound and infrasound works and affect human health. Your best and most local source would be Dr Punch, PhD Audiologist, Michigan State University professor and once Chair of Dept of Audiology and Communications. See references. Read Punch and James: "Adverse Health Effects from Industrial Wind Turbines.

Setback from Turbine to Property line of non-participating residents (people who do not want turbines or solar on their land) should be half mile for turbines and the distance needed from solar such that a maximum of 38.2 dB(A) is not exceeded.

Adverse Health effects of sound and inaudible vibratory

- 1. Affects inner ear neurons that transmit information to the brain and regulate orientation, balance, neurological issues that effect walking -effects that can contribute to dementia and ataxia in the elderly.
- 2. Sleep disturbance, over 40 to 50 dB(A) wakes people up, like a dog barking under the window of your bedroom. Lack of sleep causes so many things would be a dissertation to go into it both mental, physical and emotional, function and performance of daily acts of living can be affected. Fatigue, headaches, heart disease and depression are the most prevalent.
- 3. Seizure disorder. People with this diagnosis can have more seizures with light flickering (wind turbines) and from lack of sleep.
 - 4. Sensorium issues in autistic and other neurological disorders are effected.
 - 5. Livestock issues of reproduction, estrus cycles, and lactation are affected.

I hope that the bill contains protections for human and livestock health for the above reasons. Imposing Industrial Zoning into Rural Communities that live in one mile sections throughout Michigan's Agriculture zones can change Public Health quickly.

Safety issues and regulations:

Setback accounts for both health (hearing and sound as mentioned above) and some safety due to:

- 1. Ice throw from blades can go 1500 to 1800 feet
- 2. Blades can fall off and go a football field length distance and 4 feet in ground read about Columbian Gorge Industrial Wind turbines owned by Portland General Electric
- 3. In above article by the <u>Oregonian</u>, bolts were coming off 8 year old turbines hit the ground at 90 mph were a danger.
 - 4. Oil spilling on soils led to need to reclaim soils back to agriculture use
 - 5. Farmers afraid to farm within setback distances for above reasons.
 - 6. Valued livestock do not graze under turbines as reported by industry.
 - 7. Increase in lightning strikes.

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Capacity Factor of Wind turbines avg 35% https://css.umich.edu>factsheets

Hope this helps, Maybe this is why all those rural uneducated "NIMBY's" (that you label as

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people worry about the health and safety of their families and communities and have the right to ask to be protected from industrial impacts as discussed above -don't you think?

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