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Dear Commissioners:

I own land in Wasco County that is subject to a wind lease with Iberdrola Renewables Inc. Wasco County is proposing to amend its current land use zoning ordinance in a way that will restrict and limit wind energy development on my land. I encourage the Planning Commission to reconsider the setbacks proposed as a part of the ordinance amendment and reduce the setback from Shaniko and other incorporated towns. The county is proposing a one mile setback. I believe that the appropriate setback is 3,520 feet, which is consistent with setbacks adopted in prior Energy Facility Siting Council site certificates for larger wind projects, or something even less restrictive..

As a resident of Sherman Co, which has been involved with the wind energy industry for many Years, I can say that the residents of Sherman Co. have benefitted enormously. The County Commissioners have to worry about how they are going to spend the money instead of where it Is going to come from. There has been money available for school, community, County, *Fire Safety, health, and* infrastructure projects, and they send money to residents for just living in the county. As a member of the Sherman Co. Fair Board we have been able to fund infrastructure projects and buy equipment that we have needed for many years, but could not afford until we had the revenue from the wind projects.

As a newly appointed member of the Wasco Co. Economic Development Advisory Board, although I'm not speaking on behalf of the Board, It is my opinion that Wasco Co. can use every Available dollar to fund the many economic development projects waiting in line for funding.

Every dollar that is robbed from the residents of Wasco by excessive restrictions and ordinances is a dollar that could be spent on the many needed projects in the Co.

Don't eliminate property tax revenue and other revenue sharing agreements with these wind energy companies with excessive restrictions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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