

Submitter: Deborah Lee  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1034  
To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
From:  
Re: SB 1034 Amending ORS 469.504, Energy facility land use compliance  
Date: March 31, 2025

Chair Stollman, Vice-Chair Smith and Committee Members:

1) support for SB 1034 puts local control in land use codes over a state agency. EFSC would need to follow local land use codes for siting energy facilities. This affects every county, much as the Oregon Supreme court decision was state wide.

Why? Our 154-year old family farm is 2 miles for a pack of windmills. Wind farms are disruptive to our ability to farm, create a fire hazard in the middle of a designated "wildfire zone" with NO fire protection available except from the farmers who live near them. This should be enough of a reason. How many Oregonians have to die fighting dryland fires in rural areas when they could be avoided by cutting back on wind farm densities? Add to this what windmills do to disrupt wildlife patterns, which has placed almost double the wildlife down at our farm due to the dangers from the windmill blades. Greed is the only reason for this effort with little concern for neighbors and friends who do not like being place at risk. Let the counties control their land use codes as they are personal to their situations.

I note that those who oppose this bill have farms in areas that are located near the destructive fires to the west of us. Last harvest season, our Dry Creek Valley has suffered four wildfires. We do not wish to assume the risk of dense wind farms in officially designated wildfire areas as we suffered enough last summer from Mother Nature as it was. Wake up! Please give the people who live in the rural areas a break and keep us and our family farms safe from harm along with Oregon wildlife! Please do not ignore this as it is a real issue, we know, we life there! This is our home, our son--5th generation, daughter-in-law and three grandsons--6th generation--all live on our Oregon Sesquicentennial Farm and each time there is a fire, their lives, animals, home, farmstead and our livelihood are at stake. If you have lived

through one of those fires, you would understand. It is terrifying on many levels, they put Oregonians we like and love at risk; why add to higher risks for farmers by adding more density options to wind farms? This is not right, please do the right thing to protect our family farms from dense wind farms.

Sincerely,  
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