



30 January 2006

Dear Senator Helmick:

On behalf of the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County and the Citizens Alliance to Protect Pendleton, I am writing to ask you to sponsor or support a joint resolution of the WV Legislature, requesting the PSC to impose a moratorium on the further issuance of siting certificates to wind generation projects until such time that the PSC has adequately studied their long-term impacts on our state.

It is becoming increasingly evident that industrial wind turbines cannot live up to the exaggerated claims made for them in the glossy brochures and Power Point presentations of the wind industry.

Big Wind is an expensive, subsidy-dependent, tax avoidance scheme that produces negligible power while destroying hundreds of miles of scenic ridges. These ridges are more valuable in their own right as a major natural resource of our state, drawing tourists, recreationalists and vacation home/retirement home buyers to then spend their abundant dollars here.

If you would like to learn more about the false promises of wind power, I would be pleased to assist you in any way, including help drafting a supporting statement for the resolution to impose a moratorium on wind turbines. I have enclosed a letter from last week's *Pendleton Times* that I wrote referring, among others, to you. I hope you will rethink your support of these money-wasting, property-devaluing eyesores.

Sincerely,

Arthur Hooton