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Hon. George Smitherman
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Hon. David Caplan
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
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Dear Hon. George Smitherman and Hon. David Caplan:

Re: Health Concerns surrounding Wind Turbines

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is very concerned with the increasing number of reports of Wind Turbine Syndrome that is affecting rural residents living near new wind turbine projects. Those impacted believe that low frequency sound, shadow flicker, and stray voltage are all potential sources of their often very serious health concerns. Unfortunately, there is no consensus on the causes of these negative effects at this time.

We request that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care conduct an independent human and animal impact study to determine the sources of the negative effects being associated with Wind Turbine Syndrome, including, but not limited to, possible impacts of low frequency sounds and stray voltage concerns. We urge that this study be completed prior to the approval of any further wind power projects in the province.

The CFFO hopes that the findings of this study will be used to establish new regulations that will reduce the potential to harm for humans while still allowing renewable energy projects to proceed in a safe fashion.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Henry Stevens, President
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