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Dear Sir or Madam,

we are members of the Nature and Landscape Protection Association. We realize that we all have to reduce the level of greenhouse gases and there is EU Policy to do it. There are so many renewable energy sources but wind farms are the most popular due to economical reasons.

In our area – the SW of Poland – there are plans to build at least 12 wind farms (250 turbines 2MW each) on the territory of 7 local communities, which means some like 1000 square kilometres. According to our best knowledge we can expect huge impact upon nature, wildlife, landscape and population of people living here.

In this area there are a lot of different habitats: forests, water (rivers and lakes), extensively grow farms. There are also some Natura 2000 sites and a few planned turbines are very close to them. The distance varies from 170m to 1500m. In this case impacts include: habitat loss, disturbance and barrier effects, collision mortality and barotraumas. This leads to changes in wildlife population size.

Even if Environmental Reports states about negative impact upon birds or bats, local authorities and developers usually neglect them because of expected incomes.

In our country – Poland – the law allows the distance between wind turbine and people's home only 500 m! People vote against it, but for developers shorter distance means more wind turbines on their farms closer to main electricity lines and - more incomes.

People living close to wind farm report symptoms, connected to nervous system: anxiety, stress, irritation and sleep disturbance. In our area people are afraid of this and they expect diminution of their property value, as nobody is interested in living in the full of noise and vibration environment.

There is no excessive work places on the wind farm. Only during the construction phase there are some possibilities to do simple work, mainly field work.

There is no doubt that this wind farms, planned to build in this small region could have negative effect upon the beautiful landscape of Izery Foot- Hills (Sudety region).

We hope we can stop construction so many wind farms in our area, but it seems to be very difficult.

Sincerely regards,

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