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Dear Sir/Madam,

A Response to the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

Please accept my submission to the senate inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms.

There is a lot of talk surrounding climate change and impact of greenhouse emissions released from use of fossil fuels. Whilst I do believe that global warming is an important reason to move towards more environmentally friendly energy sources, that is not the only reason I write to you today.

I would like to turn your attention to the issue of sustainability. The mining of coal and oil is not a sustainable process. One day, these resources **will** run out and we **will** need other sources of energy in large enough quantities to maintain our standard of living. This is why we need to start looking at sustainable practices such as wind farms now. By building wind farms now, it will not only reduce greenhouse emissions, but also provide a foundation for the transition to the renewable/sustainable energy sources that our country needs for it to be prosperous in generations to come. I hope that we begin now to phase out the use of finite resources and phase in the use of renewable energy sources.

I believe strongly in the use of sustainable energy and would like to see it become our sole energy source, sooner rather than later. I completely support the use of wind farms and any other renewable source of energy.

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