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I have sent this to Mike Mach and Bill Street who have requested this information. Because I believe in an open process that shares all information with everyone, I have also included Krista. I ask that she post this email and attachments (not prepared by me, but reviewed by me and by phone, Todd Bailey with the SD Dept of Revenue) on WES and further help more county officials and the public with all information to evaluate wind turbine impacts facing our county and rural residents. I am willing to answer questions.

Please remember to consider the public, our values and how we live as a rural community. There are economic values and economic disincentives with wind turbines. What is the economic and social costs to the community when a family or two or more leave because they can no longer live in their home, from the impacts of placing an industrial wind turbine too close to homes? What happens when the family no longer purchases groceries in Grant County, hardware and home improvements, lumber, tires, gas, books, appliances, professional services, banking, vehicles, building supplies, clothing, entertainment, donations, clinic, and hospital, sends children to school, pays taxes on the rural residential home. How many businesses depend on rural residents to fill the employment needs? I can attest and can give other examples of South Dakotans moving out of their community and out of state, because of threats to their health from wind turbines. People do not stay in communities who do not protect and value them and their rights.

When a landowner's actions will affect people and the environment beyond his property line, then it is the job of the community and the county to regulate impacts. The Grant County Planning and Zoning Ordinance in several places calls for the protection of public health, it also allows for the denial of projects that will adversely affect the public interest.

I will continue to hope and pray that the planning and zoning board and the county commissioners, continue to learn and work to value and protect their friends, neighbors and community members.

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