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To members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senators Alan Olsen, Chuck Thomsen, Floyd Prozanski, Chris Edwards and Mickael Dembrow

In introduction, we are Tom and Maureen Rugg. Our residence is in Umatilla County. We are submitting this testimony for today's hearing regarding SB 258.

We are adamantly opposed to the passage of SB 258. To disregard local planning ordinances for energy siting projects, in particular wind generation, would be unconscionable. This imprudent investment in our energy future will cover hundreds of thousands of acres of farm and rangeland, impacting wildlife, our environment, and public health not to mention property values. To industrialize areas this large without local public input is not good policy, especially given the claimed negligible reductions in carbon and other emissions resulting from necessarily ramping up and down reliable backup sources of generation needed 70+ percent of the time as backup to wind generation.

We respectfully request this unfortunate legislation be allowed to die in your committee so as not to further bypass local planning which would help limit the impacts of this industry on so many of us in rural areas of Eastern Oregon.

Sincerely,
Tom and Maureen Rugg

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