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Dear Project Planner,

Dear Planning Director Ford,

I am very concerned about the proposed wind project from Humboldt Wind, LLC. While climate change is a serious threat to Humboldt County, poorly sited and developed wind projects can cause drastic environmental impacts. As the DEIR makes clear, the project is likely to result in death of numerous special-status species, such as the marbled murrelet, and may cause population-level impacts to once-numerous species, such as the hoary bat.

In turn, the DEIR fails to take adequate measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for these significant impacts. The DEIR must be revised to incorporate additional mitigation measures to reduce impacts below a level of significance.

These include, among other things, proper siting of wind turbines to avoid impacts, operational curtailments during high-risk periods, and incorporation of deterrence technologies. These project changes are reasonable, having been adopted at other wind projects elsewhere in California and the United States, and would reduce impacts to wildlife. Furthermore, the County needs to insist on a robust and meaningful adaptive management program to continue to monitor and minimize impacts throughout the life of the project.

I think what really troubles me about the placement of this project is that the energy produced is not dedicated to our community but instead will be sold to other counties (and ours, if we can afford it).

I'm tired of our precious few remaining rural communities being used as a dumping ground to host projects like this for urban areas.

Further, the area where these monstrous turbines will be housed will not only ruin the rural appearance of the view shed and degrade the desirability of Humboldt County as a tourist destination where one of the main attractions will be giant turbines, but I am deeply concerned about the effects these turbines will have on the considerable avian population that important habitat area. Bear Ridge is one of the top places in the county to view raptors, Bald Eagles, etc. Can we really afford more eagles to help some power company generate and sell power elsewhere after it uses us for its gains. No way!

I am asking you to PLEASE revise the DEIR to be sure that incorporates additional mitigation measures to reduce impacts below a level of significance to these species and to our human community who will bear the brunt of seeing the project every single day.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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