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RE: Motion to halt industrial wind turbines in non- consenting communities. Notice of Endorsement.

Dear Honourable Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West- Glanbrook

Mothers Against Wind Turbines (MAWTI) wishes to give notice and endorse your tabled motion to halt industrial wind turbines that is to be debated at Queen's Park on April 6, 2017. Our group formed to advocate and protect our children and families from the harmful effects of wind power from the projects placed in our communities without consent.

Wind power remains a divisive force. Harm from operating wind turbines continues to strike vulnerable individuals and families within the most personal and intimate of all spaces that being our homes. Health is defined as not just an absence of disease and illness but encompasses a state of well-being. Wind powered electrical generation facilities persistently are creating reports and case histories of residents reporting ; sleep disturbances, vertigo, tinnitus and many other negative health symptoms. Personal injuries are of such an extreme, serious degree and nature that families are leaving their homes for extended periods of times for relief. Every day new cases are becoming public where homes are abandoned following the commissioning of wind projects.

The economics of power generation means that an increasing number of people are unable to pay their electricity bills – this is also part of the harm from wind power. Ontario's current energy policies contribute to soaring electricity rates which affect all ratepayers of our province. Energy poverty and household impoverishment are direct adverse health impacts arising from the monetary burden of the implementation of the Green Energy Act (enacted in 2009.) The goal of the GEA was to remove bureaucratic barriers for renewable energy projects and create a green economy. No cost benefit analysis was ever conducted and all cautionary evidence based research has been denied or ignored.

MAWTI continues to hear firsthand from mothers, parents and families who are haunted and traumatized by wind projects. Harm has been compounded by current processes and biases to endorse renewable energy projects as a solution to climate change. This is a seriously erroneous conclusion without any regards for an accounting for real demonstrated harm and/or benefits for the public good. This failure includes all levels of government who have yet to complete any investigation of the growing numbers of first person reports of adverse health by those living next to industrial wind turbines. Despite this knowledge decision makers have continued to allow operation of existing wind projects and allow new complexes to be built. Approvals have been made without acknowledging the experiences of new experts- the non-consenting residents.

Consent to govern does not give political representatives the authority to harm another without impunity or restriction. Government remains the servant of the people and with that carrier of the responsibilities and duty to protect and preserve health for all. We the undersigned are saying no to industrial wind turbines and do not consent to be exposed to their harm.

Respectfully on behalf of *Mothers Against Wind Turbines* and its members

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