



**MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

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Dear Monroe County Rural Landowners,

As you may know, Mr. Joe Koppeis and his team have been working hard on developing and constructing a large-scale wind farm in the area for many years and are now at the point of being able to secure land leases. Mr. Koppeis has worked to keep us informed about this project and has included County officials in his fact-finding efforts, including a trip to Goodland, Indiana in July 2010 to tour a wind farm. We strongly support this wind farm since it will be great for the school districts since the turbines are taxed similarly to real estate.

One turbine will generate more tax revenue for all taxing districts than many, many single-family homes without increasing any costs to the county.

The wind farm will generate clean energy and will create many great construction and skilled laborer jobs which will be well paying permanent jobs.

We understand the permitting is not yet finished, but they are going through the process.

Mr. Koppeis has explained that the wind speeds for this wind farm are not ideal, but because of the existing transmission lines in our area that connect to the Baldwin Power Plant, Prairie State Energy Campus, Meramec Power Plant and Rush Island Power Station, the wind farm will work.

Given that we believe this is extremely beneficial for the schools, the community, the environment, the local tax base and the future of our region, we hope that you will also support this project. If you would like to inquire about having a turbine on your land, please reach out to Joe's assistant, Lorrie Maag via email at lorrie.maag@admiralparkway.com or his wind project partner Garth Klimchuk at gklimchuk@northrenew.com

Sincerely,

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