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Colorado House of Representatives:

My name is Brittany Schlenz. I live in Fleming, Colorado. I live roughly 12 miles from the most recent wind site placed from NextEra Energy. I will soon live amongst the next proposed wind site in Logan County. My family and I chose to live in this area for the peace and quiet and the beautiful, calm night skies. In a matter of months, our peaceful, quiet night skies have been completely transformed. We can see these blinking lights out most of our windows all night long. In fact, you can see these from as far as 75 miles away. They have changed rural Colorado. Our way of life is suddenly turning to the chaos of city skies. It's heartbreaking. I can't imagine what residents of Colorado would think if these skyscrapers were placed within our mountains. I'm not sure why my plains are treated any different.

I recently have read information on a technology brought forth by the FAA. There is technology that can make it possible for these lights to only blink when an aircraft is within 3 miles of the site. They then shut off when the aircraft is no longer in the area. This is a technology that I feel would be the ONLY option to find peace between both sides of the wind energy industry. I'm not sure why this technology isn't always implemented. I feel all current sites and future sites to come should be regulated by this technology. If there is a way to preserve our night sky, why wouldn't we do what we could to make that happen? In a nation that has been completely divided on almost every possible subject it seems, why can't we make something that can be changed by something that already exists happen? Please give us some of our rural landscape back.

I support Senator Sonnenberg's bill SB22-110. He is looking out for BOTH sides of the division that has been created in Logan County by the wind energy industry. ALL of your people deserved to be heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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