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Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie

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Dear Council Member,

Today we are writing you to bring an awareness of a serious problem in the Western New York Community. That is the placement of Industrial Wind Turbines in Lake Erie!

CAWTILE (Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie), has been working tirelessly to preserve and protect Lake Erie. NYSERDA (New York Energy Research and Development Authority) has already produced TWO feasibility studies in 2012 and 2022 in which they advised against wind turbines in Lake Erie! On 2-26-24, the town of Hamburg, New York passed a resolution unanimously opposing wind turbines in Lake Erie. Passing this resolution in Hamburg is just the start to building a consensus with other communities to illustrate that Western New York does not want industrial wind turbines in our lake.

Together, the Western New York municipalities can speak out as one voice, sending a clear message to Governor Hochul (who is from Hamburg), the state senators, state assembly members and county legislators.

CAWTILE urges you to act upon this resolution, passing it in your municipality ASAP, because there is a bill (S-7035) pending in the Senate Environmental Conservation committee, which could be passed at any time during their 2024 session. This bill is for a pilot program of 40-60 wind turbines to be placed as a demonstration project in Lake Erie from Dunkirk to Barcelona. The bill sponsor is senator Pete Harkham from Westchester County on the other end of our state who has no vested interest in the quality of our drinking water in Western New York.

Together, we can stop these wind turbines from ruining Lake Erie! CAWTILE would be happy to schedule a meeting with you as soon as possible at your convenience. We can present our findings regarding the environmental impact of wind turbines on our drinking water, view shed, wildlife, economy and general quality of life in Western New York including your municipality!

Attachments: Resolution, Harkham Bill, NYSERDA White Paper, CAWTILE Support Document

Sincerely,

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