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Dear Mr. Henry,

My office recently received notification of a proposed wind turbine in the vicinity of Brewer Road, Oneida, NY 13421. I am writing to convey significant concerns the Air Force has over the compatibility of this proposed wind turbine with existing Air Force drone testing operations in the same as the siting location. The proposed project is less than two nautical miles north of the Air Force Research Laboratory Stockbridge Test and Experimentation Site. Moreover, we have a designated FAA low fly area over this site, see enclosed map.

Over the past few years, a significant part of the Stockbridge Site capability includes testing and experimentation for small drones, in part due to the flat terrain and clear line of sight of the surrounding terrain. Currently, there are no obstructions that interfere with this activity. The proposed wind turbine presents a challenge to ongoing test activities. This is due to the proposed location in the Primary Long Range Flight Test Corridor, the height of 560 feet above ground level, and the nature of turbine movement creating doppler radar interference. Variance of the 450-foot wind energy conversion turbine height is not appropriate. The additional 110 feet will change the character of the neighborhood and create a detriment to nearby properties by creating an even taller obstruction which will not be compatible with existing military drone testing. This is a substantial change which will negatively impact the neighborhood environment and the existing military drone FAA designated airspace.

While the Air Force does not have authority to make a decision over the proposed project, it is important to provide your office information to make a fully informed decision on this matter. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Gabe Sbarglia, reachable at 315-330-7000 or [gabriel.sbarglia@us.af.mil](mailto:gabriel.sbarglia@us.af.mil).

Sincerely,

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