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March 9, 2011

Mr. Reginald Karg, Chairman  
Riga Township Planning Commission  
12164 Giga Highway  
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

Dear Mr. Karg,

Re: Wind Turbine Proposal

As President and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters representing 389 radio and television stations in Michigan including WLMB-TV 40, I implore you to consider the impact of the construction of wind turbines near Blissfield and Jasper in south Michigan, that according to technological studies, will detrimentally impact the ability of WLMB-TV 40 and area AM radio stations to reach their viewers and listeners by disrupting the signal of these vital stations in your communities.

WLMB-TV 40 is an important part of the Emergency Alert System for the area, carrying weather and emergency information in times of need and Amber Alert information on abducted and/or endangered children.

Larry Estlack, MAB Director of Technology and FCC appointed Michigan Emergency Alert System Coordinator, and I are concerned that so many wind turbines will impact the distribution of emergency information in your area putting citizens at risk.

Lenawee County is one of our most important emergency information counties because it borders Ohio. So situated, it distributes emergency information for both Michigan and Ohio. There is a tremendous amount of travel back and forth between Ohio and Michigan for work, shopping and daily chores. Many of these travelers depend on the information, school closings and weather from WLMB-TV 40. If that signal is interrupted, not only could it endanger your citizens in times of emergency, it will anger them and your office will receive phone calls.

Please consider the technical impact report presented by Mr. Jamey Schmitz, President and CEO of WLMB-TV 40, and prepared by the distinguished firm of Meintel, Sgrignoli and Wallace dated March 4, 2011. There are national technical articles from across America documenting the negative impact that wind turbines can have on RF transmitters if not located with RF interference in mind.

Though we are all in favor of renewable energy, both traditional technology and new technology must co-exist to serve the citizens of Michigan. Please work with WLMB-TV 40 to accommodate their broadcast operation which serves a valuable public interest in your community.

Sincerely,

Karole L. White  
President/CEO  
Michigan Association of Broadcasters

cc. James Bridgewater, FCC  
John J. Ronayne, Kasiborski Ronayne & Glusac