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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

For the past two years the communities of Somerset and Yates have been in turmoil caused by the Apex proposal to erect up to 70, 600+ foot tall industrial wind turbines. The proposal has pitted friend against friend, neighbor against neighbor, and family members against family members. The proposal has caused political upheaval as well, seeing a local town supervisor, who favored the project, turned out of office by a write-in candidate who opposed the project.

Numerous public opinion surveys in both towns have shown that opposition to the proposal is above 65%. Environmental, conservation, tourism groups, bird conservancies and business organizations have all gone on record opposing the project. Both town boards and the County Legislatures of Orleans, Niagara, and Erie counties have also opposed the project. The only serious supporters of this project seem to be those who stand to profit directly from lease payments.

When taken together, it is very clear that our communities do not want these industrial wind turbines desecrating our waterfront, endangering our health and our wildlife, and putting the future of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station at risk in the next round of base closures.

The time has come, Apex, to recognize the depth and scope of public opposition and do the responsible thing – withdraw your project immediately from consideration and put an end to the disruption and strife you have caused in our communities.

Save Ontario Shores, Inc. (SOS) has never been opposed to renewable energy. It is the proposed size, quantity and location of these gigantic structures and the availability of other more appropriate energy options that has led us to so vigorously stand in opposition. Rural waterfronts are too limited and precious to be used in ways that destroy their magnificent vistas, wildlife and peacefulness. The quality of life in our rural and agricultural communities is not up for sale to the highest bidder - an out-of-state industrial wind corporation.

On behalf of the hundreds of supporters of SOS and the thousands who have signed petitions, sent letters, called elected officials, attended meetings and voted for elected officials who are committed to opposing this project, Apex - withdraw your proposal and leave our beautiful, rural, lakeside communities as they are, to be enjoyed by many generations in the future.

Sincerely,

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President

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