

SAVE ONTARIO SHORES, INC.

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May 6, 2019

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Mother's Day Message from Save Ontario Shores Mothers

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We are the Save Ontario Shores Mothers who, for almost five years, have vigorously opposed Apex Clean Energy's Lighthouse Wind Project. This project is one that the developer designed to be directly on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in the beautiful lakeside towns of Somerset and Yates. Our opposition to the project has been, and still remains, highly specific. It arises from the fact that this project would be against town laws and in violation of the towns' comprehensive plans as well as their Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan guidelines. Importantly, it would place massive industrial wind turbines near our homes, subjecting us to unrelenting noise, infrasound, health issues and loss of property value, while destroying our quality of life. No rural community should be forced to endure such a situation.

We are mothers who care for the earth as we care for our children and their futures. We are the mothers – the backbone of the grassroots environmental group – who have joined together to protect our homes, our birds, sweeping sunsets, big dark skies, quiet nights and early foggy mornings full of bird song. We have given up a lot to live in rural New York. We do not run to the store for something forgotten – we make do. There are no movie theaters, no department stores, no quick access to the things that urban and suburban residents take for granted. We love the land and we care for it well. And we have a symbiotic relationship with those who seek haven from the hustle of urban life in summer months by our shores.

We are mothers and so our care and concern extend to all the mothers who are trying, against corporate and state-dominated forces, to protect their homes and community from rapidly sprawling industrialization. We are hopeful, believing that there are alternative ways to reduce carbon emissions in our state, ways that encourage communities to engage in formulating creative solutions that match each unique environment instead of dividing them and pitting them against each other.

Our children inspire our imaginations to see options beyond turning the remainder of our rapidly disappearing open spaces into industrial electrical generating plants. As much as some may think them beautiful, they do not fill the soul as the open skies filled with our migrating birds.

Currently, Apex has removed themselves from their offices in Barker, and informed the media that they will not be moving forward with an application for the project this year. This represents one more of

many occasions over the past five years that Apex has pushed back application submission dates, but it requires that the towns and citizens remain vigilant against the developer's return at a time of the developer's own choosing.

Spring, and especially the month of May, is traditionally seen as a month of new beginnings. In the matter of Lighthouse Wind, fairness demands official closure, and that closure is long overdue. As citizens and taxpayers, we respectfully ask that you work to help us have a new beginning and put the saga of Lighthouse Wind behind us. We also hope that you will keep in mind the burdens that some urban residents who besiege your office with calls, letters, and visits from their lobbyists, would willingly place upon rural communities. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely, for the Save Ontario Shores Mothers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Atwater".

Pamela Atwater
President
Save Ontario Shores, Inc.