



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE
11TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR

January 21, 2016

Save Ontario Shores, Inc.
PO Box 216
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the APEX impact on the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

I have enclosed a certified resolution from the Erie County Legislature that was adopted December 17, 2015 regarding this subject.

If you have any questions regarding the resolution please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Mills", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator
District 11

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STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

BUFFALO, N.Y., DECEMBER 17, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at the 25th Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the seventeenth day of December, 2015 A.D., a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MILLS, RATH, MORTON & DIXON

WHEREAS, the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC) has expressed concern over a proposal by APEX Clean Energy to construct wind turbines along the shores of Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposed turbines, which pose a threat of interference with military radar and flight operations, would be located near the Niagara Falls Airforce Reserve Station (NFARS); and

WHEREAS, NFARS was first established over sixty years ago and is currently home to the Air Force Reserve Command's 914th Airlift wing, the 328th Air Force Reserve C-130 mission, as well as the Air National Guard's new Remotely Piloted Aircraft mission; and

WHEREAS, NFARS supplies the area with over three thousand jobs and is a vital part of both the community and the area's economy; and

WHEREAS, encroachment is a key factor that is considered when the federal government is reviewing military bases for potential shut down and seventy individual six-hundred foot tall wind turbines located on the edge of Lake Ontario near the base could be considered major objects of encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the NFARS has already been subjected to multiple Base Closure and Realignment Commission reviews, and as part of the 2012 US Air Force Structure Adjustment it does not need any impediments to future operations that might be considered negative in the next round of reviews.

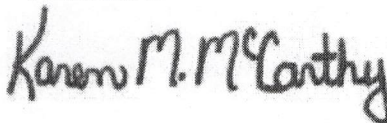
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorably body expresses its support for the Niagara Falls Airforce Reserve Station, the Niagara County Legislature, and the men and women of the armed forces that call NFARS home and hereby opposes the construction of the wind turbines in the military base's flight paths; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Niagara County Legislature, Apex Clean Energy headquarters, the Niagara Military Affairs Council, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, the representatives of the United States Congress representing the people of Western New York, John Conger the Deputy Under Secretary of the Department of Defense's Division of Installations and Environment, and Elizabeth Ray the Vice President of Mission Support Services for the Federal Aviation Administration, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

REFERENCE: INTRO. 25-1 (2015)

ATTEST



KAREN M. MCCARTHY

Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County