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To:	Todd, Fred
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Subject:	DP4889, First Wind"s proposed Bowers Mt. project
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Mr. Todd,

I am writing to request that LURC grant a public hearing for DP4889, First Wind's (through subsidiary Champlain Wind LLC) proposed Bowers Mt. project. The proposed wind project in this vast, wild and unspoiled area would not only create an enormous negative impact on the immediate area of the development, but also have huge repercussions on the nearby watershed.

This watershed hosts sixteen interconnected lakes and boasts the largest concentration of Class 1A and 1B Scenic Lakes in the State of Maine. People come from all over the country and world to visit this wild area of Maine. Hunting, fishing, hiking, boating, and other outdoor activities, which are a strong tradition in Maine, will be threatened by this project. Not only will the environment and people's livelihoods be destroyed, but tourism dollars will shrink. The fact that locals and other Mainers have created the Downeast Lakes Land Trust is a clear indication that this wind project is NOT what is wanted or needed here.

I grew up in Maine and during college spent two summers in Grand Lake Stream working at a fishing lodge. It was undoubtedly one of the best times of my life. Not only was I in an amazing natural setting, surrounded by the lakes, streams and wildlife of the area, but the people who lived there were true Mainers, in the best sense of the word. These were people who lived there because they loved that way of life, who guided others in hunting or fishing, who shared their knowledge of the land and love of the land with people with similar interests. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting these people, some born locally and some who had come to the area because they wanted to work and live and be surrounded by the beauty of Maine. All of this will be ruined with the construction of huge and destructive wind turbines and their ancillary developments.

Please grant a public hearing in this case, DP4889, and let the people of this beautiful part of Maine speak. Let them have a say as to what happens in regards to this proposal. This will directly and negatively impact their lives and they deserve to have a say.

Thank you,
Bjarni Brown
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