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California Energy Commission
Fountain Wind Project

Energy Commission Members,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Fountain Wind project proposed in Shasta County. I have a "mom and pop" electrical contracting business comprised of my wife and one employee. As local business owners, we support the positive economic stimulus this project will provide to the community.

I have always supported the project for its economic benefits to Shasta County. I know other letters have addressed the benefits, so I will not repeat them. I also know that in today's day and age, any large project proposed in California has to prepare an environmental impact report. It is my understanding that Energy Commission members are preparing one for the project. I am pretty certain that the impact report will address problems and issues that have been raised by members of the public and that there will be many measures and conditions of approval that will address these concerns.

Since the economic benefits and environmental issues will be addressed by you, why am I writing this letter? When the project was denied by the county in 2019, it was clearly for political reasons. There were two supervisor seats up for grabs in 2022, as well as a recall effort for three of the supervisors who were voting on the project.

Although you may have been told that Fountain Wind has not been supported by the residents and businesses in Shasta County, that is not true. Unfortunately, a vocal minority of people are very loud and outspoken and have obtained the support of the Board of Supervisors; the majority of us who are familiar with the project support it. The Board of Supervisors appears to be reacting more toward the state's legislature approval of AB 205 and using a small minority of opponents to further their supervisor's positions regarding state directives and governance. This has been clearly demonstrated by their position regarding State COVID restrictions, removal of the Dominion ballot counting system, and supposedly election tampering, among some of their issues. The majority have openly questioned state regulations and laws. Unfortunately, the majority of people opposing Fountain Wind are of the same mind.

If you remember back in the Reagan years, there was the silent majority. Today, we have a silent majority who support Fountain Wind, but I am speaking out in favor of you approving the project. We need energy independence, and this is a project to help provide it.

Thank you,



Rich Kraft