



# Falmouth Health Department

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June 11, 2012

Ms. Suzanne Condon  
Associate Commissioner  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
250 Washington Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Condon,

The Falmouth Board of Health requests that **Mass DPH immediately initiate a health assessment of the impacts of the operation of wind turbines in Falmouth.** This appeal is compelled by two years of consistent and persistent complaints of health impacts during turbine operation.

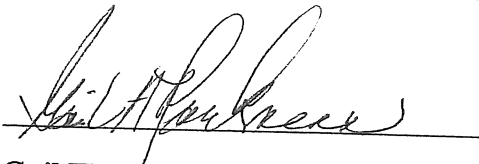
We realize that this is an atypical health assessment study. The suspected agent of harm is not a food borne, waterborne, or airborne contaminant. Yet, the Wind Turbine Health Impact Study recently completed by the State suggests certain elements of wind turbine operation propagate to health impacts potentially as harmful as those caused by organic agents.

To assist Mass DPH in the identification of health effects and potential study subjects, the Falmouth Board of Health held a hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at which we accepted further testimony from those individuals in our community who believe they are experiencing negative health impacts from the operation of three turbines in Falmouth. We have attached a summary, received testimony, and a map of respondents. We are appealing to the Mass DPH to conduct this study due to its ability to collect and analyze confidential health information.

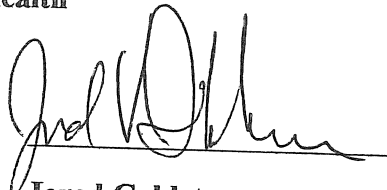
**Due to the increasing intensity of the reported health impacts, the Board is considering emergency actions.** To determine the appropriateness of such actions, the Board requests immediate guidance on interim measures to protect the health of affected individuals while the complete health assessment is being conducted.

We look to your Department, as that which holds the highest duty to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth, to assist us in this matter. Accordingly, we request a meeting at the earliest possible time with you or your staff. We are certain that once you have read the attached testimony that we received, you will appreciate the urgency and need for such a meeting. That meeting can be coordinated through our Health Agent, David Carignan.

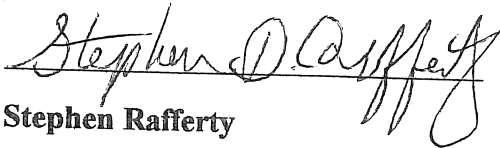
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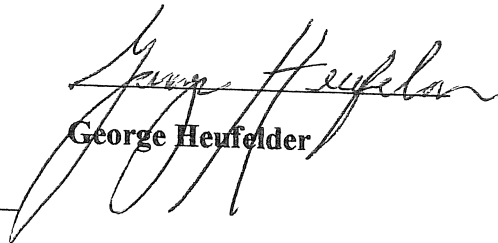
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Mr. Julian Suso, Falmouth Town Manager

The Honorable Therese Murray, The State Senate, Boston, Massachusetts

The Honorable David Vieira, Massachusetts House of Representatives

The Honorable Timothy Madden, Massachusetts House of Representatives

Enclosures