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Consider supporting the wind moratorium bill.

- *It immediately ceases environmental destruction;
- *It strengthens the public process in siting this particular alternative energy tool by moving it into Act 250 jurisdiction;
- *It evaluates **whether** something is necessary, not just **where** it should be sited;
- *The work of this siting commission can be incorporated into the state's energy policy as legislation is developed.
- *We can use the legislative process to incorporate anticipated climate change weather events and decommissioning plans into siting protocols.

Don't establish a siting plan for any generation facility prior to deciding whether it is necessary.

Minimize length of transmission lines by siting generation close to load.

Don't site a generating plant where there is inadequate transmission capacity.

Demand individual protocols for siting different forms of electric generation.

Incorporate anticipated climate change weather events and decommissioning plans as part of the siting process.