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Allegany, NY 14706
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Town of Allegany Planning Board
52 West Main Street
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Dear Members,

I have lived in the Chipmonk Valley all my life. I know the history of the valley and the industries that have come and gone over the years. My grandparents and parents experienced the pulpwood industry in the early 1900s. Then came the oil boom. During these times the companies involved employed a significant number of people. Many of these people lived in the Chipmonk Valley and today their families are still living here. There is little remaining of what was once large operations.

Oil drilling has again begun in the valley in the last 5 years. It has had very little visual impact on the valley nor has it caused any health problems for the residents of this valley. The wind turbines, however, will have a large visual impact on the land with the destruction of timber property, as well as health issues for the residents.

The idea of a wind farm in the town goes against all logic when you learn the facts about them. I am sure that all the board members have been informed by the wind farm company of all the positive reasons for having wind turbines. I hope that you have looked at all the negative reasons as well. I believe that allowing a wind farm in Allegany would be a mistake. The town and its residents would lose much more than they would gain.

We are in tough economic times now, but with common sense spending and careful planning, we can get through these times without ruining the beauty of the hills and lands that surround us by allowing the wind farms to exist. Money is not the answer nor should it be the deciding factor in this wind farm proposal.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion. You are all intelligent people, and I believe you will make the right decision for the good of the people.

Sincerely,

