

Sujet : [INTERNET] aeoliennes de Pautaines

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Mesdames, Messieurs,

My wife and I are devoted American visitors to France. We have close friends living in rural Haute-Marne and Ardennes. We were unhappy to learn that there is now a plan to construct yet more wind turbines in one of the little villages that made your region so attractive—this time in Pautaines. We have already seen how these installations can overpower a landscape where they don't belong, notably in the village of Brouthieres.

Our experience in the USA teaches that there are locations where these wind turbines can be highly efficient and even attractive. There are thousands of them in West Texas, where they naturally meet little objection. By contrast, in the small hill towns of Vermont—where turbines have been installed by government decree, over local objection—the injury to the landscape, the noise pollution, and the destruction of birds have all been as bad as anticipated. The village of Pautaines-Augeville is like one of these towns in Vermont—not like the West Texas desert.

On behalf of our friends in Champagne-Ardennes, all of your residents, and future visitors to your beautiful region, we hope that this project will be reconsidered.

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