

Home Abandonments

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Exhibit 4

Not Fairy Tales

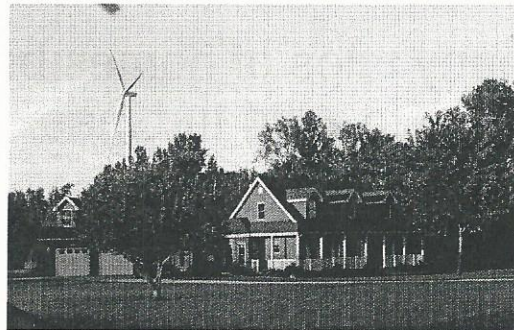
- There are many tales of homes being abandoned due to wind turbines on the Internet
- But I will only be discussing two people that I personally have had contact with, so I know they exist and have really went through this.
- Ted Hartke – Near Champaign, IL
- Cary Shineldecker – Northern Michigan

Ted Hartke

- I've met Ted in person. Heard him tell his story. I've driven by his house. I've had numerous phone conversations with him.
- I've only known Ted since he abandoned his home; I did not know him before.
- He traveled to Livingston County to warn us about the potential dangers of wind farms.

Ted's Beautiful House

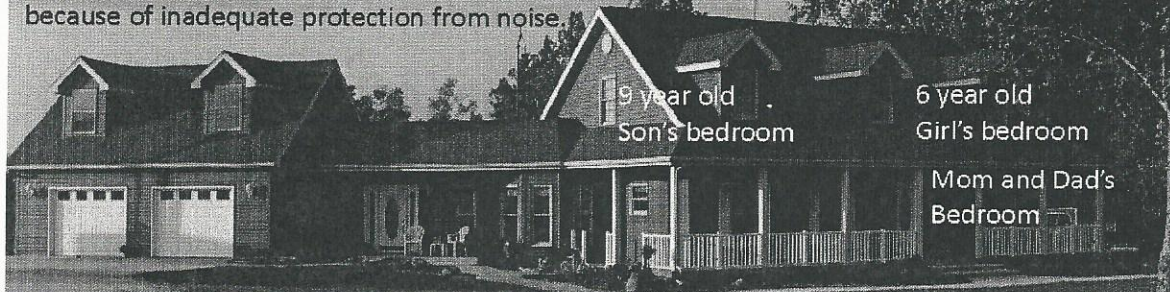
I took this picture myself on 9/14/2014 – It really exists.



The next 4 slides are a handout that Ted made to summarize his experience. These are his words, not mine.

From January to May, InvEnergy operators shut down their turbines 51 times when the noise was so bad we could not sleep. In May, InvEnergy stopped providing any relief, and we were forced to abandon all bedrooms. Asking a control room operator permission to sleep in my own home 51 times and then being refused any relief has been devastating. The use of my home has been stolen because of inadequate protection from noise.

495' tall 1.6 mW
Wind Turbine is
1,665 Feet Away
From Our House

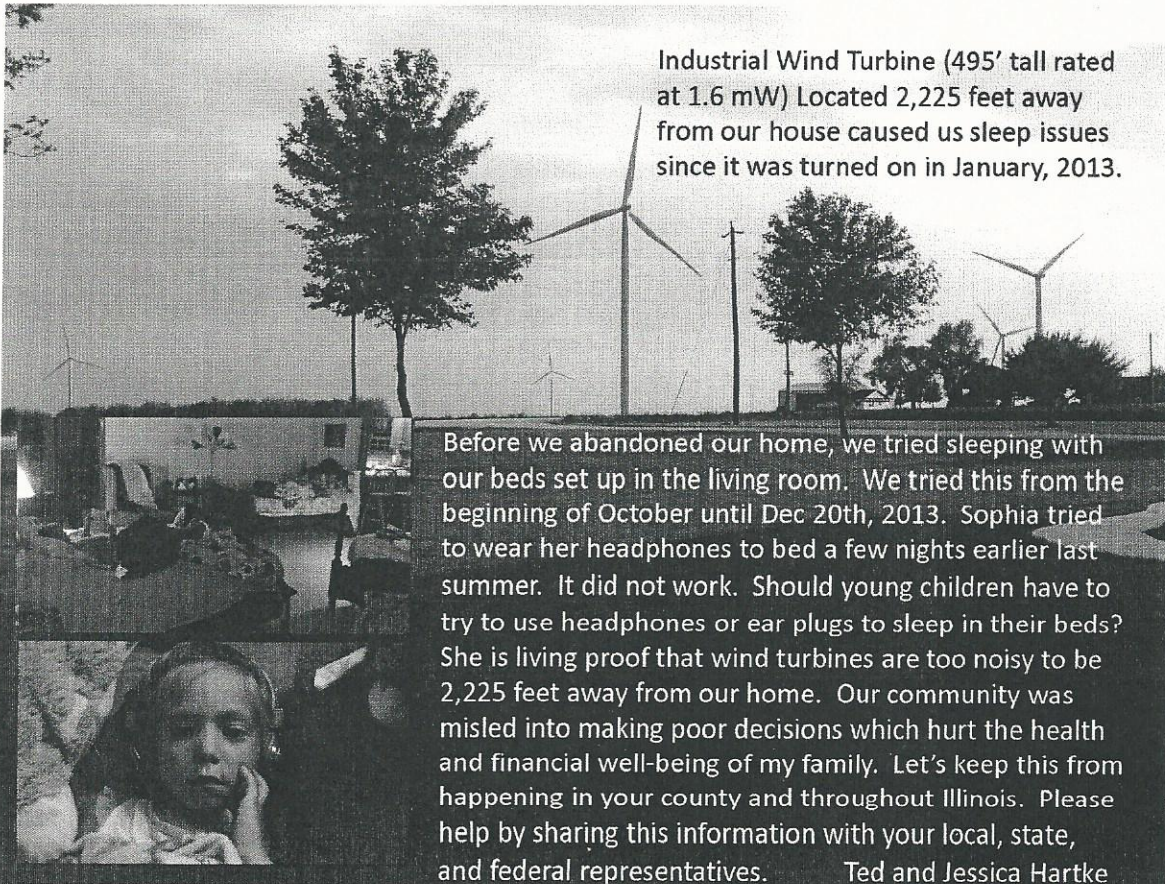


9 year old
Son's bedroom

6 year old
Girl's bedroom

Mom and Dad's
Bedroom

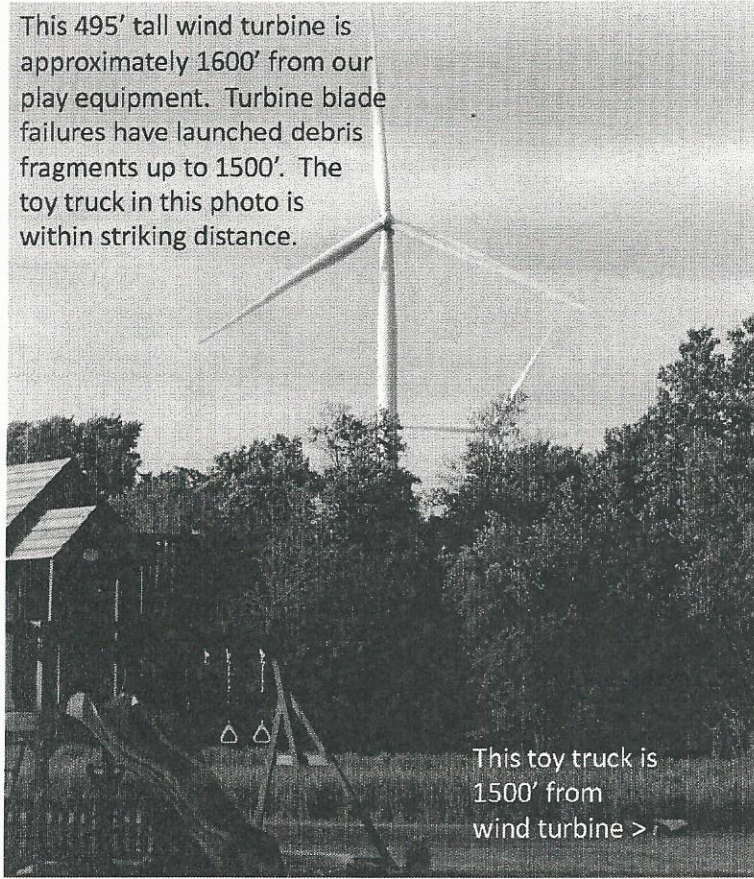
This happened to Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hartke family, the children and grandchildren of Illinois Farm Bureau Effingham County Past-President Phil Hartke. Phil has purchased sound equipment which can reproduce the type of noise these turbines create. For questions or an opportunity to hear and feel how wind turbine noise may affect you, please call him at 217.821.3126 for more details or to schedule a presentation for your group. Please share this information with your friends, family, and community leaders before it is too late.



Industrial Wind Turbine (495' tall rated at 1.6 mW) Located 2,225 feet away from our house caused us sleep issues since it was turned on in January, 2013.

Before we abandoned our home, we tried sleeping with our beds set up in the living room. We tried this from the beginning of October until Dec 20th, 2013. Sophia tried to wear her headphones to bed a few nights earlier last summer. It did not work. Should young children have to try to use headphones or ear plugs to sleep in their beds? She is living proof that wind turbines are too noisy to be 2,225 feet away from our home. Our community was misled into making poor decisions which hurt the health and financial well-being of my family. Let's keep this from happening in your county and throughout Illinois. Please help by sharing this information with your local, state, and federal representatives. Ted and Jessica Hartke

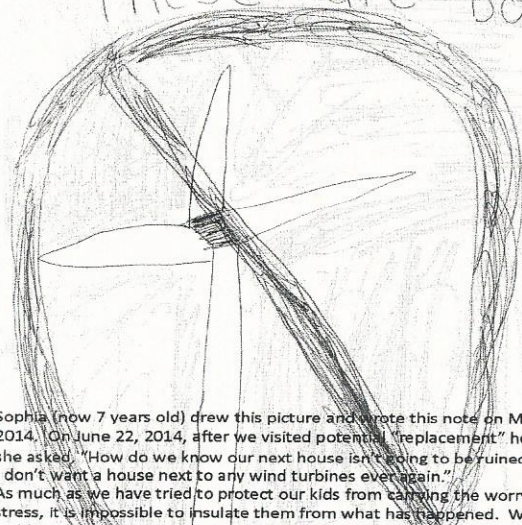
This 495' tall wind turbine is approximately 1600' from our play equipment. Turbine blade failures have launched debris fragments up to 1500'. The toy truck in this photo is within striking distance.



This toy truck is 1500' from wind turbine >

Many days, before the turbines turned on, our kids enjoyed this playhouse. They no longer enjoy the cool breeze outside because those days are now filled with constant noise from wind turbines. Our enjoyment of the backyard, garden, outbuildings, treehouse, and creekbed has been taken away and replaced with nausea, headaches, irritability, and stress. When weather conditions are right, these roar like jet planes. Our children used to be happy as long as they were outdoors, but not any more. Wind turbines are hard on children, pets, parents, and even our marriage. Two of the turbines within 5 miles of us have had massive blade failures, and there is real danger when they are operating.

These are bad!



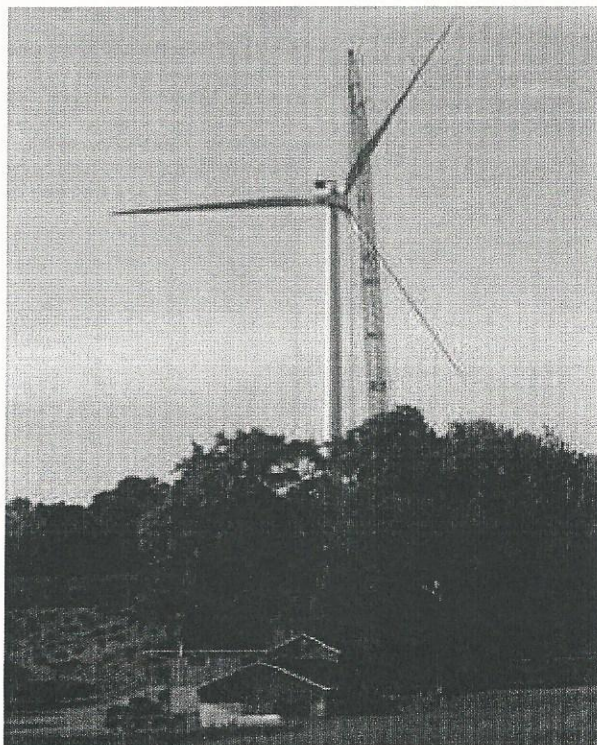
Sophia (now 7 years old) drew this picture and wrote this note on March 6, 2014. On June 22, 2014, after we visited potential "replacement" homes, she asked, "How do we know our next house isn't going to be ruined, too? I don't want a house next to any wind turbines ever again." As much as we have tried to protect our kids from carrying the worry and stress, it is impossible to insulate them from what has happened. We are saddened by how much ridicule and attack we have experienced for "putting our kids through this" and "having our kids fight these battles for us." If you can help your community avoid this dilemma from happening to local children and parents, please take steps to make sure wind companies certify that placement of turbines will not interrupt healthy sleep in the surrounding homes. Our property and our children's bedrooms should not be used as industrial noise easement areas.

by Sophia Ruth Hartke
 You may think windtubins are good but when you have fifty by your home you can't sleep in your own room and you try to sleep but you can't because of the windturbins ingen nous. I had to move in to a mobile home because my mom dad and brother plus me could't sleep.

Cary Shineldecker

- I haven't personally met Cary, I've just had conversations on Facebook. I looked him up after hearing witnesses discuss him.
- Cary was very interesting for me. During the course of our ZBA proceedings, while he was being discussed at our proceedings, he moved away from his house near wind-turbines to his new one not-near turbines.
- So I was witness, via Facebook, to him leaving his home for a new one. It felt personal to me. Internet = Small World.

Cary's Old House





Cary Shindeldecker

December 29, 2013 · 🌐

Turbines are coated with ice, pounding the house with noise and vibration. Tinnitus, head ache, ear pressure building. They have been found to be out of compliance at much less than full power, but they continue to operate covered with ice at full power. Almost time to take sleeping meds and head underground for the night. Horrible night in the Lake Winds Energy Park. Thanks Consumers Energy for disregarding our lives!

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Mitch Grabois I thought they couldn't run coated with ice

December 29, 2013 at 7:20pm · Like



Cary Shindeldecker Oh, they aren't supposed to... nor are they supposed to exceed noise limits, flicker, or interfere with television, radio, or cell phone service, kill birds or lower property values. Unfortunately regulations don't prohibit consumers from operating in any manner they choose.

December 29, 2013 at 7:34pm · Like · 👍 1



Billijo Flora My heart sank this past summer when we were heading to Ludington on 31. Came up over the hill and saw those wind turbines peppering the landscape. It looks awful and from the sound of it, unhealthy to. I can't imagine dealing with this. Hoping Holland never get this not so bright idea.

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Colleen Cluchey Plummer They do whatever they want recklessly disregarding the health safety and welfare of human life... anyone who can do that to an innocent human being is sick.... Its that simple... as the rest of the county benefits I witnessed at a planning commission meeting Consumers explaining those turbines would shut down immediately when ice was present.... If that was you or me? We'd probably be sitting in jail

December 29, 2013 at 7:50pm · Like



Ronda Shindeldecker Praying for all of you. Hope the people responsible for allowing them in, are dissatisfied and full of guilt enough to boot them out.



Cary Shindeldecker

January 24, 2014 · 🌐

After a long day in Lansing, I returned to the ice covered turbines which remain to be idled. I went to bed and immediately awoke to my... Alarm clock which went off 8 hours later. I don't think I ever moved the entire night. Thank God got a good night's. What a wonderful blessing... Sleep, who would ever think how much we now cherish it.

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Ronda Shindeldecker The Mcbain family goes to court in May. Praying for an outcome that will stop this health nightmare for people.

January 24, 2014 at 9:49am · Like



Cary Shindeldecker

February 3 · 🌐

Well it's official. After 3 years and 10 months our house has sold. We had to be creative to make it happen. We split the house off the rest of the land. Sold the house and 2 acres. What a long journey. When I put the house up for sale my youngest son was a senior in high school and he's now on the final year at MSU. IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE BUT WE ARE READY TO MOVE ON.

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👍 Carolyn Gerwin and 44 others like this.

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Christopher Jeruzal Congratulations!

February 3 at 7:59pm · Like



Kimberly Williams - Ingle Bitter-sweet! Congratulations!

February 3 at 8:36pm · Like



Gregory Lee Brasic Great news!!!

February 4 at 7:25am · Like



Robin K. Luke Wonderful!!!!!! Willing to help you move. Let me know.

February 4 at 8:21am · Like



Cary Shindeldecker

February 16 at 9:23am · 🌐

Spent the weekend packing memories. Very sad to be forced from your home by bad zoning choices made by people who don't care. I look forward to moving forward, but will never forget those who did this to us. We are collateral damage in the quest for green energy while our society continues it's glutinous energy path. I wish those responsible and those who support it along with the naysayers could be forced out of their homes and experience the impacts. Only then could I be fairly judged for my disposition.



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Real Life vs Speculation

- At the ZBA meeting on 2/23/2015.... 39:50 into the video (no transcripts yet).
- On Facebook, I had been observing Cary Schindeldecker going through his lack of sleep from wind Turbines.
- While discussing Mr. Shindeldecker, Mr Blazer asked Mr Punch "Do you know what obstructive sleep apnea is?", proceed to list symptoms, and essentially implied that Mr. Shindeldecker's symptoms could be from sleep apnea, not the turbines..
- I had to message Mr. Shindeldecker. The next slide is this conversation.

My Facebook Conversation

- John Slagel 2/23, 7:14pm "You are being discussed in a zba meeting in Illinois right now... How are you sleeping in the new house? Seems they are implying that it wasn't turbines causing your sleep issues but probably sleep apnea. Lol!!!"
- Cary Shineldecker 2/23, 7:33pm "I was in a meeting with my planning commission. Sorry. I sleep fine when I am away from the turbines. I have no problems sleeping until I come home. I cannot sleep in the bedroom, I have slept in for 18 years. I can sleep in my basement, underground and am impacted much less. If I were simply suffering from sleep apnea, it wouldn't disappear when I am away from the turbines, or sleeping in my cellar. It is directly related to the turbines."
- Cary Shineldecker 2/23, 7:35pm "Last week the turbines were shutdown for 5 wonderful and restful nights. My wife and I slept 5 consecutively wonderful and restful night's. Amazing!!!! The turbines are back in operation and we are now back underground. In fact I just took my sleeping pills minutes ago."
- Cary Shineldecker 2/23, 7:41pm "Not to be disrespectful but how do you diagnose sleep apnea on someone you never have met. I would be glad to take a telephone conversation. I have been appointed to put county's planning commission, zoning board of appeals and the state of Michigan department of natural resources zoning review board for b the wild and scenic Pere Marquette River. My own county finds me rational and objective. The turbines surrounding our home have been found out of compliance with both the sound ordinance and flicker ordinance by the county and third party consultants."
- Cary Shineldecker 2/23, 7:48pm "I was involved in diagnostic medical testing including CTScan. I wore a hear monitor which showed my heart at 144 BPM . the headaches and tinnitus increase and decrease depending on turbine operation and wind conditions. The impacts seem to increase on magnitude when turbines are under full operational rate and wind direction puts our home in a down wind position. On the turbines "wake" is by far the most extreme, with the exception of operation during icing events. The aerodynamic properties of the blades are significantly compromised during operation worth ice build ups. I have measured 3/4" thick build up being expelled from operating turbines. I have pictures and so does our zoning administrator. They are a matter of the public record."
- John Slagel 3/15, 9:50am "I'm going to be testifying, probably this week... can I get some quotes on if your sleeping has improved or not since you moved? Thanks!!"
- Cary Shineldecker 3/15, 12:25pm "Absolutely improved. I feel the best I have in the last several years. Sleeping through the nights, no head aches. Karen has quit her anti anxiety meds, no bite splint, head aches gone. Life is becoming fun again. It's like we're recovering from a long and grueling illness."
- John Slagel 3/15, 12:56pm "Thank you!! I assume you're ok with my submitting clips from your messages to our Zoning board."
- Cary Shineldecker 3/15, 1:09pm "I would also write a letter and sign it."

Summary

- I'm sure there are many more cases of people who had to leave their homes.
- I have been a witness to two people who had to leave their homes. That is proof to me that this can happen.
- Anyone can contact either of these individuals, who would be glad to share their story.
- Or you can view Cary's old Facebook posts and watch his story unfold as it happened.