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To BAPE Commission,

RE: KSE Wind Energy Project

My name is Steven O. Horne. I have lived in Kahnawà:ke most of my life and I am the Director of the Employment and Training (E&T) Division for Tewatohnhisaktha (The Kahnawà:ke Economic Development Commission).

Tewatohnhisaktha is built on the following three pillars: 1) investing in small businesses; 2) investing in projects; and 3) investing in People; the latter is what the E&T does on a day to day basis.

I am writing to you today in order to support the KSE Wind Farm Energy Project to be located in Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville. As stated by KSE (Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies), a portion of the profits of this project will benefit employment & training in Kahnawà:ke. As the director of the E&T Division the lack of adequate funding has forced me to make difficult decisions for our community that have affected the availability of education and training opportunities for the community of Kahnawà:ke. A reliable source of additional funding would allow more members of our community to complete their education or to pursue a vocational career.

On a daily basis I see the urgent need for our youth to expand their work environment beyond the borders of Kahnawà:ke. We need to build partnerships with our non-native neighbours. We need to overcome the language barriers. I can remember many of our elders whom were trilingual and spoke of the strong partnerships and friendships that they had with the farmers in St Isidore, Châteauguay and St Rémi. As our economy shifted from agriculture to steelwork throughout the last century this dynamic shifted to where we now speak mainly English and Kanien'kéha (Mohawk) and no longer enjoy the ability to converse and work in the French language. We have now come full circle and recognize the need to regain not only the French language but also the partnerships and friendships. This project is a sound environmental project that will move us in that direction. Not only will the revenues allow us to train our youth but this partnership with the people of Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville will demonstrate to all, how we can work and build our economies together.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

In Peace and Friendship

En paix et amitié

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