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Good Day,

My name is Sandra Jacco, of the Bear clan from the Kahnawake Mohawk Community, I have 3 sons that are of the same clan and I raise them as a single mother. I currently work as an Administrative Assistant and I would like to express my opinion about the St. Cyprien wind energy project, which my community is currently developing in the nearby community of Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville.

I feel very strongly that this is an important project for our community based on the funds the project will generate over the next 20 or more years. Our community is very unique and we have come a long way to diversify our economy and develop projects that can support our own services. Such programs that would benefit from such revenue would be our language, culture, youth and elders; sports are a huge role in our community and the funds would be very beneficial to support our youth in that way. Many times these important issues go un-funded and our people have to fund raise within the community to support these initiatives.

This project is in line with our traditional values and respect for Mother Earth, like gardening, recycling, etc.

I understand that some people do not want a project such as this in the middle of their farm lands and communities, however if they absorb the information surrounding the positive aspects of this project they would understand the importance and in the long run it could be beneficial to both communities. I hope if the projects goes through the people of the region can understand other perspectives on wind energy, just like our people have had to adjust for centuries to the changes taking place on our reserve and within our community.

I hope and believe we can develop good relationships with surrounding communities for the sake of our children in the future.

Based on all my points stated here in this document, I strongly recommend that this project be approved as is for all the generations to come, and benefit from this project.

Thank you very much for your consideration;

Sincerely,

Sandra Jacco,

Kahnawake Community Member