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Dear Director Ford and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to thank you for what I know was a very difficult decision regarding the Humboldt Wind Energy project. As someone who deals with questions like this every day, I understand the difficulty in seeking the balance between protection of wildlife, cultural resources, and more with our shared urgency to combat climate change.

However, I can say with great confidence that you made the right decision. Speaking from a national perspective on wind energy projects, this project presented an astonishing list of risks to wildlife and other natural resources. The proposal left far too many unanswered questions and ignored too much sound expert opinion. It was not ready for approval, and would require substantial additional analysis and alteration to be so.

Again, our thanks for ensuring that the move toward renewable energy does not create new problems for wildlife and other important resources. It is our strong hope that the Board of Supervisors follows your conscientious lead.

Sincerely,

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