



JANE CORWIN
Assemblywoman 144th District
Minority Leader Pro Tempore

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
Corporations, Authorities and
Commissions Committee

COMMITTEES
Education
Environmental Conservation
Mental Health
Ways and Means

October 19, 2015

Supervisor Daniel Engert
8700 Haight Road
Barker, NY 14012

Dear Supervisor Engert:

I am writing to update you on the status of the Apex Lighthouse Wind Proposal. I appreciate your diligence in remaining informed on this matter as well as your patience as the regulatory process of this proposal continues to play out. Please know that I understand the concern and distress this issue has caused in the community and I have been, and will continue to be, in constant communication with all of the stakeholders involved in this matter.

It has come to my attention that in a recent Lighthouse Wind News email, it was implied that I have taken a supportive position of the Apex Lighthouse Wind project. This is not accurate. While I have met with representatives from Apex for information on the wind proposal, I have also met and spoken with members of the community that are strongly opposed to the project.

I understand and appreciate opposing positions within the community, however after examining the regulations that new energy projects in New York State must navigate, it is clear that the Article 10 process strips local communities of the ability to determine the fate of their own town. I remain of the opinion that most policy and procedural governmental decisions should be made at the local level, giving taxpayers a more direct voice in how their community is governed. The spirit of Article 10 is a direct contradiction to that belief.

In an effort to amend this process, I have drafted legislation that would change Article 10 and give significant control back to local communities by adjusting the number of local representatives on the Article 10 Siting Board. In addition, I am also exploring the impact of proposals subject to Article 10, being brought to the public for a vote in the form of a referendum. New York State should not have the capability to ignore any community, and I will continue my efforts to ensure that local taxpayers have a voice.

Like many members in the community, I am still awaiting a definitive and comprehensive Lighthouse Wind Energy proposal. I will continue to work within the means of the legislative process to improve our community's voice on this matter.

I value the opportunity to represent the views of our community, and be assured that I will keep you apprised of any new developments regarding this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in any state related matter in the future.

Sincerely,

JANE L. CORWIN
Member of Assembly
144th District