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## **Wind a fraud**

There is not a thing that can be characterized as "know-nothing" about the Free Press' attitude on wind generators and the seriously and technically flawed concept of industrial wind energy. The Free Press has done a superb service to the entire state with its studied, thoughtful and continuing examination of the clear and present problems associated with industrial wind energy. The writer who complained about the paper's policy (Free Press, Aug. 14) made several accurate statements about what wind isn't (polluting) and doesn't do (use of certain materials) but he neglected to comment on what it really doesn't do, which is work, which is perform, which is provide a meaningful energy service.

Wind energy is a fraud. A saccharine sickly siren song that claims to be free as a summer breeze, entirely ecologically loveable and -- my goodness -- "the" solution to global warming.

Wind is erosion, deforestation, destruction of bird and animal habitats, night sky and noise pollution, ruined towns and businesses, lost tourism revenues and seriously negatively affected home price values. And all this in exchange for a token; a quite meaningless token that does not function but enriches a few developers and allows the questionable practice of selling "green credits" that permit out-of-state polluters to continue their pollution. A leaky garden hose will have a greater effect on a 10,000-acre forest fire than wind energy will on global warming. Neither Denmark nor Germany despite over a decade of Herculean efforts has brought a single conventional plant off line.

The Free Press deserves accolades, awards and eternal thanks for their role in explaining the problems associated with wind energy.

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