



GLENN ROGERS

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 60

September 5, 2022

BISD School Board President Graham Reaugh and Fellow Trustees,

I am authoring this letter at the request of constituents to express my concerns over the board's consideration of the La Casa Wind, LCC Chapter 313 application and waiver. While I recognize the desire to bring industry into Stephens County, it is my belief that the waiver granted to NextEra Energy Resources violates the spirit of Chapter 313 abatements and promotes the unfair, selective subsidization of energy production counterintuitive to our state's interests.

The intent of the 2001 Texas Economic Development Act is to provide a temporary property tax exemption to businesses and industries in exchange for economic development and JOBS in the local community. Chapter 313 requires that applications be able to create at least ten qualifying jobs in rural school districts; however, the proposed La Casa Wind waiver will reduce this number from ten to one.

While the benefit of a new industry has merit in rural communities, it is the state that will make up the difference in lost revenue to the ISD. This is a necessary trade-off to create jobs; however, when the required number of jobs is not expected to be created, the state is, in effect, subsidizing a corporation for minimal economic return.

As a rancher and landowner, I respect the right for anyone to decide for themselves whether to place wind turbines on their property. In principle, I oppose any state subsidization of wind or solar, as those dilute the energy market with unreliable power generation and provide an unfair advantage to our state's dominant energy production capabilities. However, my issue is simply that, from my understanding, the proposed La Casa Development will be a burden on the greater Texas taxpayers with marginal benefits to the community at large.

The intent of this letter is to voice my concerns to the proposed development as it currently stands. I am not attempting to interject myself into local matters but was asked by constituents to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Rogers".

Representative Glenn Rogers

Texas House District 60