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Friends of Newport:

Please read this new [excellent article](#) about the Newport industrial wind project.

For the first time we can see specific map as to where this will be. See attached.
Turbines will be clearly visible from Highway 70, well into Morehead City.

Independent studies elsewhere have concluded that such industrialization **decreases tourism** (some samples are [here](#), and [here](#), and [here](#), and [here](#), and [here](#)). The *Crystal Coast* is heavily dependent on tourism dollars, so who is taking this cost into account?

I like the fact that the article focused on the military impact.

What most civilians do not know, is that military personnel (including base commanders) have been specifically ordered **not** to speak out publicly against *any* wind energy projects. So, when the Cherry Point base commander says little (if anything) about the military issues resulting from the Newport project, it does NOT mean that there are no problems!

The fact is that local military personnel are preparing an internal report that identifies about a half dozen areas of concern — but this document will remain confidential, and not be available to the public.

In my opinion, the best way we can protect our military bases is to have Town, County and state regulations that provide comprehensive protections to citizens and the environment, near any wind project. I have passed on effective words to Newport and Carteret officials.

The second best way is to have retired military personnel do the candid talking that active military have been prohibited from doing. Anyone who is interested in helping with that, please contact me.

This article also provided a link to the **slide presentation** made by the developer, last week in Wilmington. There is a wealth of misinformation in that marketing material.

To give you an idea how to translate this self-serving material, I've written up comments based on a quickie review — see attached pdf.

As always, let me know any questions.

regards,

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PS — If there are others who you think would benefit from being on this list, please let me know the specifics. If at any time you'd like to be taken off, please let me know that too.