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## Letter of support

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### **To the brave citizens of Slovakia protesting against windfarms:**

I am writing from Spain in representation of Iberica 2000 and of Spanish victims of the windfarm scourge. We wish to say that we support your fight against a windfarm project that will ruin parts of the beautiful Orava region and kill many birds and bats\* for no gain to the people, on the contrary.

\* [www.iberica2000.org/Es/Articulo.asp?Id=1875](http://www.iberica2000.org/Es/Articulo.asp?Id=1875)

The electricity produced by wind turbines is three times as expensive as conventional electricity. First there are the subsidies (about 100%), then the need to stabilize the erratic production of the fickle wind by ramping up and down conventional power stations, thus burning more fuel and producing more CO2. Dr. John Etherington, now retired, was professor of ecology at the University of Wales; he recently wrote a book : "The wind farm scam". The title says it all. In France, another book was published entitled : "L'Imposture: pourquoi l'éolien est un danger pour la France".

Spain, where I live with my fellow environmentalists from Iberica 2000, has seen no reduction in its emissions of CO2 until 2008, when the world-wide crisis sent its economy into a recession. Its thousands of wind turbines have been completely ineffective where CO2 emissions are concerned. The same holds true of Denmark and Germany. The only effect of wind turbines is to make electricity more expensive (in Denmark: 100% higher than in the rest of Europe). But the coalition of the green movement, of politicians seeking contributions to their political parties, and of a wind

industry which only exists because of over-generous subsidies, ensures that the media will publish their propaganda.

In France alone there are over 600 associations fighting windfarms : they are united in a federation called FED (Federation Environnement Durable).

The FED in turn is member of EPAW\*, a European platform against windfarms regrouping 422 federations and associations from 21 European countries. In America, NA-PAW federates a sizable number of similar associations from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In Japan, in Australia, where wind turbines appear, people form associations to defend themselves and the land against this invasion.

\* [www.epaw.org](http://www.epaw.org)

Your fight is just and noble. You are trying to save nature, biodiversity, and your cultural heritage (castles set in beautiful landscapes, etc.). Whereas politicians, pretending to be “saving the planet”, in reality are only ruining the last parts of it that remain beautiful. They also harm tourism and the economy in general. Spain is a near-bankrupt country in part due to the 5 billion euros it pays each year in subsidies to windfarms and solar plants. The higher price of electricity will also make European industry less competitive. In the UK, an aluminum company is already moving to a country outside Europe where electricity is and will remain cheaper. In Denmark, there is one price for industry, and another for domestic consumers. The latter pay 100% more than the rest of Europeans. Is this what the Slovakian people want?

Best regards

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