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## **Letters to the Editor**

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## Burlington Voters reject industrial wind

On Feb. 24, the citizens of Londonderry voted overwhelming 425-213 against support of industrial-scale wind on Glebe Mountain. This follows a 10-month wind project collaborative, several meetings, hearings and presentations, a previous straw vote, a new town plan that explicitly forbids wind turbines on Glebe Mountain, and a high-priced public relations effort by the developer that included an advertising, mailing and phone campaign to the townspeople.

The developer has spent 3 1/2 years "educating" the people of Londonderry, and they don't buy it. This should put an end to the frequent argument that the opposition is just "a few second-home owners worried about their view." The developer has called the opposition "sophisticated" and "well-financed" but, in truth, it is just a bunch of ordinary people who care deeply about this land, the wildlife that lives there, this region and this community, people who have been willing to spend their own hard-earned money and countless hours researching the subject to find the truth, and then tell it like it is, without the help of any PR firm.

Utility siting, which is done by separate boards in most New England states, is an integral part of the Public Service Board process in Vermont. This vote should make it clear that a Glebe Mountain project, and the resultant negative effects on local skiing, hunting, the environment, and quality of life, makes Glebe Mountain an inappropriate site for any giant industrial project located above 2,500 feet.

The town has spoken. We hope the state will listen.  
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