To whom it may concern,

I have read the “easy read” version of The Community Empowerment Bill, and feel that one of the things greatest in empowering anyone or thing involves giving them the means to be empowered. Community councils may be given the right to acquire land and property but this is a meaningless gesture if they do not have the resources to put this ability into practice.

Throughout Scotland, in recent years we have been inundated with the appearance of wind turbines, whether you love or hate these they are now a fact of life in Scotland.

Some developers gift money to local communities to help ameliorate the proximity and disturbance caused by their presence. This however, is a voluntary gesture. I think that the above bill should make this contribution mandatory, and also, in light of the number of turbines that there are in the country BACK DATE this so that all turbine owners are contributing to local areas and “Spreading the Wealth” that these turbines are generating for them.

Thank you,

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