

Honorable Joe Manchin III  
Governor  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.  
Charleston, WV 25305

**Ref: Windmill farms  
in Greenbrier County**

**Dear Governor Manchin:**

When is West Virginia going to wake up and follow Alaska's example concerning its resources? Alaska maintains anything in the air, land, water within the boundaries of the state of Alaska belongs to the people of Alaska. As an Alaskan fish buyer, I paid a tax to the people of Alaska through the state for the privilege of purchasing their fish. Oil, timber and gold mining companies pay a tax for the privilege of purchasing these resources from the people of Alaska.

Here West Virginia goes again! It's given away the resources of its coal, oil, gas and timber that by rights belong to the people of West Virginia with out-of-state interests profiting from these resources sale.

Alaska uses the money collected from the purchase of the people's resources to build public facilities, invest for future needs of Alaska, annually gives every Alaskan man, woman and child a dividend earned from the investment of their resources money and in the case of fish, builds and maintains fish hatcheries to ensure the future of this resource.

Please explain to me why West Virginia has now decided to give away another resource; its air.

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cc: WV Public Service  
Commission  
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