



# Protect Wind Energy Protect Missouri Jobs Oppose HB 527 and SB 508

House Bill 527 and Senate Bill 508 is designed to stop the Grain Belt Express transmission line which would bring clean, inexpensive wind energy from southwest Kansas to Missouri. This bill would prevent the use of eminent domain for this particular project, while still allowing eminent domain for transmission lines for utilities like Ameren, Evergy and Empire. More legal barriers for wind energy transmission give an unfair advantage to the highly polluting fossil fuel industry.

## Wind Is Cheaper Than Coal

Electricity from the Grain Belt Express will be substantially cheaper than electricity generated by burning coal. That is why cities across Missouri have signed agreements and passed resolutions to purchase wind power from this line. Cheaper electricity means more money in consumers' pockets! Cities include:

**NW MO:** Rock Port, Albany, Bethany, Chillicothe, Gallatin, Trenton and Stanberry

**SW MO:** El Dorado Springs, Lamar, Ava and Lebanon

**Mid MO:** Columbia, Carrollton, Fayette, Marshall, Macon, Salisbury, Waynesville, Hermann, Rolla and St. James

**SE MO:** Fredericktown, Thayer, Jackson and Farmington

**NE MO:** Hannibal, Palmyra, Memphis, Vandalia, Shelbina, Monroe City, Macon, La Plata and Unionville

**St. Louis Area:** Kirkwood

**Kansas City Area:** Odessa, Higginsville, Harrisonville and Butler

## Grain Belt Express Creates Jobs In Missouri

Wind energy creates more local jobs than coal energy. 100% of the coal burned in Missouri for electricity generation is mined out of state. The Grain Belt Express will create jobs here, including:

Kansas City - Construction jobs at PAR Electrical Contractors

Centralia - Manufacturing jobs at Hubbell

## Support Rural Communities

Not only would many small towns across our state benefit from lower electricity costs, rural communities would receive about \$7.2 million annually in property taxes to supporting schools and police, in addition to payments to landowners. The project would expand broadband service to over 1 million rural Missourians, including 250,000 within 50 miles of the transmission line.

**House Bill 527 was filed by Representative Haffner. It has passed the House and was assigned to the Senate Commerce Committee. Senate Bill 508 was filed by Senator Bean. It had a hearing in the Senate Commerce Committee.**

