

May 13, 2009

Mayor Daley
City Hall
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mayor Daley:

My name is _____ and I am a third grader at Lincoln Elementary School in Chicago.

When I look out my window at Clark Street and the park, I see lamp posts that could have small wind turbines on them. This could generate enough electricity to power the street lights. Chicago is known as the windy city so it must have a lot of wind. The city could use the energy produced by the turbines to run stop lights, sell it cheaply to local houses or even use it to run city hall (it must be expensive to run that place). It might be expensive to buy the turbines in the short run, but in the long term we could use the savings to buy more highbred busses. I heard on the news that they cost a lot of money. To make this idea cheaper we could start with only new light posts. We should do this now rather than later because there is less demand for wind turbines now since this technology is not as well known.

If you should decide to proceed with this idea, please use recycled paper for the contract with the wind turbine company. I believe this idea will help bring the Olympics to Chicago by making the city more attractive (maybe this will get us our fifth star on the flag).

You may not remember my dad, but he remembers you. His name is _____ I have attached a copy of three pictures we have hanging in our family room. The first is one of you and my dad planting trees on Earth Day along the Stevenson Express Way so that visitors can see them on their way in from Midway Airport. I know you are committed to energy conservation and a greener Chicago. I hope you will consider my proposal.

Sincerely yours,