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To: Nelson, Chris

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Hi, Chris

I hope you've been following the letters to the editor in Mitchell papers but also in Avon Clarion. I've been on to these wind developers about 8 years after taking a one day seminar at a real estate CE class. The developers come into a community, form a LOCAL group, pursue the respected farmers in the community so that they are their link to getting the easements. Your neighbor comes out and signs up your easement, never says it might

be a German corporation that might be driving across your land, never explains the contract that has a 35 year auto renewal clause if they as much as move a spade full of dirt in a certain time period. These are facts, because this is just what they did here. Beethoven started producing electricity May 28, BayWa from Germany owned it for 2 months. Now they are selling it to Northwestern Energy and they are going to make their customers pay for it. The NW customers will pay for the wind farm, the developers and investors are gone with their profits. Now they stick all the old people living on fixed incomes where their utility bill might be their biggest monthly bill and give them a 20% increase plus the 9 million annual increase to pay for the wind farm. And if you read the article it hints that NWE might shut them down if they don't need the electricity. It's a scam and I certainly hope my PUC members understand it. I've been a conservative all my life and have supported you more than once. I see John Thune got over 20K the last election cycle from the American Wind Energy Assn, Kristi Noem gets 5 grand from Warren Buffet, and Mike Rounds sends me a letter that says he's against the PTC in the long run, but wants to see it stay in effect a few more years. What sense does that make? I've got volumes of documents for you to read, but I will save them when they try to get permitted for these next 100 towers. Right now they've got our county zoning board and county commissioners completely duped. We tried to get a 2 mile setback from a house, they went with 1000 ft., or 550 ft. if you sold an easement. We had 22 letters on our side, 45 people at the meeting, over a dozen spoke, they had nothing except the developer and one 80 year old man that couldn't hear them when his tractor was running. But they did not give us the time of day.

I send you this because I don't want you to make the NWE customers pay for a \$143 million dollar bad idea.

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