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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter concerning the Proposed/Approved Wind Farm that appears to be going up in Charles Mix County. My father is [REDACTED] and he has deeded me 80 acres of land upon his death. I have been working the last five years on readying the land to build my vacation/permanent/retirement home. The address is [REDACTED] Wagner, SD. I currently live in Nebraska but my heart has never left my home. I grew up at [REDACTED] just like my father and grandfather when my great grandfather homesteaded the place in the late 1800's. I still have an 11 year old boy at home and although my supervisor has given me permission to move back to Wagner and telecommute for work, I know it is important for my son to have a relationship with his father...so I stay.

Ironically four weeks ago I issued Bouza Construction in Wagner a deposit check for Phase 1 of my development which is a machine shed. The house will not be built until I can come up with the cash, which may not be until my father's death. I currently travel back to Wagner every 2-3 weeks to mow the grass between the trees in the shelter belt I planted this year; visit my cousins; and help my dad around the house. With the current wind farm plan I wanted you to know by intentions because I know there are set back limits to houses and farms. Currently the area appears to be vacant.

That being said, I might as well tell you my feelings on wind farms. I HATE them, I always have. I travel the Midwest for work and have seen many: Elgin, NE; Adair, IA; West of Spirit Lake, IA; West of Ft. Riley, KS. When I first heard they were building 50 windmills in Tripp County I thought "Are you kidding me!"; then adding another 100 in Bon Homme north of Avon "Of....course." But when dad told me of the certified letter he received and that my land was included in the approved wind farm I was DEVASTED. I stayed home from work for two days and cried (sounds ridiculous but it's true). When I was a little girl I would ride my bike over to the top of the ridge [REDACTED] and just look at; as Lewis and Clark would say, the boundless horizon. I love that little piece of land. It may sound ridiculous but anyone who knows me knows how much that insignificant little 80 acres means to me; and now to think it will be marred by something I loathe has crushed my spirit.

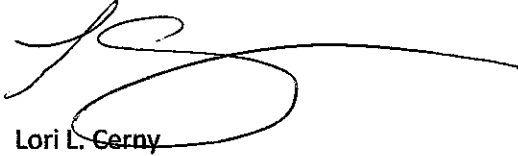
Anyway after several friends and family members have talked me off the cliff, I have accepted it. I will wait and see what happens. I don't have anything build yet so I still have options. They are:

1: If my neighbors do not place any windmills near me so I do not have to look at them or hear them (the view I am concerned about is to the west and southwest), my plans may still be OK.

2. If my neighbors place windmills around me and I cannot tolerate it; because I refuse to live in the middle of a wind farm, I will either place windmills on my land and stay in Nebraska and collect the money or sell the land I have always loved and try to build a dream elsewhere.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and feelings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lori L. Cerny', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori L. Cerny

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Landowner Charles Mix County