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**Subject: Prevailing Winds Public Hearing support** 

Dear Commissioners,

As a lifelong South Dakota resident who plans to stay that way, I look towards the future of the state often. We have the potential as a state, with other northern plains states, to power the entire country with wind power. This valuable resource is now beginning to be realized in our area because the tax system has allowed it to become economically feasible (the wind and science have always been there). Study after study (peer reviewed) show this type of clean energy has virtually no drawbacks, no pollution, and nothing but potential. A small handful of people will try and convince you otherwise with junk science comparable to the Anti-Vaccination crowd. My career as an environmental scientist allows me to easily distinguish between the two, and I can assure you that your support for this project is the right choice.

Respectfully,

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