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To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: [EXT] South Dakota benefits from wind energy

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June 26, 2019

Dear Chris Nelson,

I am writing to voice my support for wind energy development. South Dakota is a national leader in wind power and we are perfectly situated to benefit from wind energy development. Wind energy adds needed jobs and pays millions in property taxes to help locally-including our schools and roads.

This is our opportunity to be a part of the future, to grow our economy, improve counties and support clean alternative energy options. Please do what you can to support wind energy.

Embrace the future. Wind, solar and geothermal are all plentiful in South Dakota. Let's lead instead of dragging behind. Renewable energy development is inevitable and will end centralized energy supply.

We know big energy has contributed significantly to many campaigns but it is an embarrassment that the biggest company in South Dakota is a utility monopoly under the jurisdiction of our public utilities commission. Just a few dollars more in each rate payers monthly bill means huge extra capital for a utility at the expense of free enterprise businesses.

Sincerely,
Virgil Whetsel