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Dear Madam Chairperson and South Dakota Public Utility Commissioners,

Hello, I am a landowner in Clark County and farm and raise cattle with my family to the east of the proposed wind farm. I am not a member of the Crocker Wind Farm project, but I do support the project. The revenue created by the project will greatly improve our communities, help the school district with the added revenue and inject money into our county and townships with the hopes of capping property taxes for some time.

As a member of the Bradley Area Fire Department I feel we will benefit greatly from the community fund as well as the added revenue to the townships we serve. Our fire department has already received a sizable donation from the Crocker Wind Farm along with the Clark and Raymond fire departments as well, Thank You. The community fund will improve public safety, help fund projects that can be hard to find funding for and will provide our younger generation with the opportunities they deserve.

The Crocker Wind Farm will also be a great asset to the state of South Dakota, the added revenue will help with the efforts of our lawmakers to run our state on a Balanced Budget. Something we are very proud of.

I also believe in wind energy and the bright future it holds. The industry as a whole has accepted that the growth and the demand for wind energy is very real. With the recent construction of the new transmission lines Big Stone to Brookings to the east of us, the Big Stone to Ellendale just north of us and the existing Basin line in Clark County we are in the heart of the South Dakota wind boom. Opportunity is knocking. Let it in! It's time to move forward.

I am asking for your approval of the Crocker Wind Farm Permit.

Thank you for your time.

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