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I am writing this asking you to deny the Prevailing Winds permit EL18-026. In our family we have existing conditions that could be made worse by the infrasound and noise from wind turbines sited too close to peoples homes. These conditions include migraine headaches and other health issues. The problem the PUC needs to realize is that some people that are highly sensitive are going to be negatively affected. Others may not be affected at all. So the only way to remedy this is with safe setbacks, preferably 2 miles or more from a residence. Wind turbines can't be moved once they are built, only people can move, and they will be forced from their homes.

Another concern is property devaluation. If we can't live in this home affected by wind turbines, then how can we expect someone else to buy it and live there? Given the choice between living in a wind farm or at least 2 miles away from a wind farm, people will always choose to live farther away. There is evidence in Deuel County right now where many homeowners trying to flee the area are not getting offers on their homes because of hundreds of proposed wind turbines.

If you have driven by White Lake or Kimball lately, you can see the landscape of South Dakota changing from a peaceful tranquil beautiful skyline into an industrial electricity generating park. Pheasant hunters come from all over the world to enjoy our scenery and tranquility. The hunting lodges and the land they hunt on is not being protected from this invasion of wind turbines. There are 3600 proposed turbines in the northeastern part of the state, 330 east of Pierre, as well as thousands of others in prime pheasant hunting areas. This affects our pheasant hunting as well as our general tourism business. I ask the PUC to protect the residents and also the beauty and tourism/recreation in South Dakota.

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