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**To:** Nelson, Chris

**Subject:** [EXT] Financial Matter to Consider Regarding Deuel Harvest Wind Farm

Dear Commissioner Nelson,

A topic that we believe has not yet been addressed is maintenance and upkeep of the towers in light of a financial downturn. All indications in the financial world point to a coming MAJOR depression in about a decade. With that in mind, will Invenergy really still be in business to keep an eye on the 600-foot industrial towers that are churning in the sky? Chances are, Invenergy won't even be in control of the towers within 5 years of their construction, as is the common practice of these companies who get their tax money, own them for about 5 years, and then sell them to another company. In light of a financial crisis that could go on for many years, the state of South Dakota will be left with these dangerous behemoths in the sky, squeaking and creaking without end, spinning out of control, breaking apart over time, flinging debris over large distances that the land owner will have to somehow pick up and dispose of. Those who have signed up for towers will not receive a dime because the company or companies will no longer exist. This truly is an alarming and serious concern to think about as we consider the future of Deuel County and the entire state. What kind of mess will we be leaving future generations to deal with?

We have always admired farmers with both of us coming from farming backgrounds, but Deuel County is zoned for agriculture and recreational purposes, not industrial uses. We believe the majority of the state is zoned in much the same way. If we allow industrial entities and projects to come in, what will we be left with in the future? What will we be passing on to our children? The uniqueness of South Dakota will truly be lost.

Industrial wind towers are not "green". It's astounding to think of the volume of oil and toxic chemicals that are required constantly to make them work. There's also the fact that they use energy to run the lights and braking mechanisms that are necessary for operation. In most cases, once the towers go up, people realize that they made a huge mistake by allowing them to come in. You only need to research what has happened in other countries that have had wind operations for much longer than the United States. We do not want to see that happen in our area.

The most depressing fact of all is that our community has been shattered because of this proposed project with neighbor against neighbor, friend against friend, family member opposing family member. Seeing the anger and hostility has been absolutely heartbreaking for us. If the towers do indeed go up, we will look at them with sadness in our hearts as symbols of how much has been lost in our once close community.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of these matters.

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