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Hello everyone and good evening, my name is Alexis Lau. My family has land in the Dakota Range Wind project and my dad works for Apex Clean Energy. So having the 3rd permit approved, would a great pleasure for my dad. He grew up in Summit South Dakota and is a vital part of the community and serves in the Summit Volunteer Fire Department. As a sophomore at Northern State University, I am concerned about the future of our youth. I may be raising a family and would really want to see the permit be continued because of how great it would be for my family's financial future.

Compared to conventional energy, wind energy has very little to no negative impact on the environment itself. Wind energy is renewable which is very safe and healthy for the environment as well, and it doesn't create any direct carbon emissions. Wind energy also will not create any global warming, so could also help benefit with the future generations.

The turbines also take up very little space over the land. In recent years wind energy compared to conventional energy has been significantly cheaper price wise too. The passing of this permit could create many more job opportunities available for many people as well. The United States has a vast domestic resources and a highly-skilled workforce, and can compete globally in the clean energy economy. Apex would have local sub-contractors be involved with this project, which would create more local jobs and help them make more money.

Dakota range Wind will put much needed tax money into our local communities and schools. And also in doing this we help raise awareness globally of how we can impact or environment. I want to see the permit be passed. Don't let others who have nothing at stake tell us what we should or shouldn't be doing with our land. I would like to ask the commission to approve the permit for Dakota Range 3 permit.

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