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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you concerning the wind tower project around Highmore, SD. What a blessing this project is bringing to our state, county and my family. I farm with two of my sons and we will have the opportunity to have a substation, lay down area and towers located on our property. In today's farming economy, the stable, long-term payments that this project will generate for us will be such a blessing. Not only do we as farmers benefit from this project, but my two sons also greatly benefit personally. One son owns the campground by Harrold and the other son has numerous rentals in Highmore and they both have project workers renting from them.

We were grateful to have some towers west of Highway 47 during Phase 1 and are extremely excited for the possibility of the towers, substation and lay down area east of Highway 47 for Phase 2 of this project. Between the two Phases, somewhere around 150 - 160 towers may tentatively be constructed. This will bring in much needed revenue to a county that is slowly losing population. Phase 2 has the potential to generate almost \$21 million in taxes over the life of this Project. Of this total, approximately \$7.3 million will be allocated to the county general funds and \$2 million will be allocated directly to the school district. What a financial boost this will give our county!

As longtime South Dakota residents, we know this is a windy environment and now can hopefully benefit from this natural occurrence.

We are sincerely requesting that you grant permission for this project to proceed.

Thank you for your time.

Katherine Porter