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Hello-

My name is Val Trooien and I live with my husband Doyle and my youngest son Axel at-  
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That's about 1.5 miles from the proposed power plant.

There are many reasons this community should not be punished with another industrial site.

Currently there is already 1 power plant, a dairy, and two substations, and dozens of wind towers within 3 miles of our home. Deuel County's comprehensive plan indicates we are Ag centered and yet we are continuously losing farm land to intrusive industrial and commercial facilities, largely at the hands of absentee land owners. We want to live with corn and cows, not industrial noise.

Losing more farm or pasture land will raise the price of already high land rent, due to increased scarcity. Building another facility will inundate this area with largely migrant, temporary construction workers. All affordable housing in our town of 200 will be gone and our farm kids will not be able to afford to live in the area they want to live and work. This will fast forward the death of family farms, and squash any ideas of our youth farming here.

Our aging first responders will be over worked.

Our small, safe town will be overrun with strangers.

I pray you recognize this area is teetering on edge of an industrial invasion. Please see that another industrial site in our community will break us.

Thanks,  
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