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**To Whom It May Concern,**

As a family farm owner currently in the middle of this wind farm project, I feel it's time I speak up. I've stayed quiet for too long, hoping this would all quietly disappear—but it hasn't. And now, I believe the truth needs to be heard.

The biggest issue I have with this project is the fact that **95% of the land signed up for it is owned by absentee landowners**—people who are more interested in collecting easy money than they are in the health of the land or the future of our communities. These are not people living here, working the soil, or raising families on this land. They don't see the consequences—**we do**.

This project might be easier to understand if **South Dakota actually needed this power**, but we all know that's not the case. It's being built here **for profit, not necessity**—and at the cost of those of us who actually live and work this land every day.

Let's talk about what's already happened:

Drill rigs have entered fields **without notifying landowners or tenants**. They've **driven through people's crops without permission or communication**. And now, more than a month later, we still haven't heard a word about reimbursement or accountability.

If this is how the "testing" phase is being handled, what can we expect from full-scale construction? Do we really believe they'll start respecting landowners and tenants once the real money is involved?

I'll be honest—I'm not just concerned about the construction. I'm concerned about what happens after.

Because we all know the likely outcome: once the government subsidies are in place, **this project will be sold off—probably to a foreign company**—leaving locals to clean up the mess, fight the legal battles, and live with the consequences.

And let's not forget—**my property, as well as a neighbor's, was falsely marked on their project map**. We never signed anything, and yet our land is being presented as part of their plan. Is that being done to make the project look more legitimate to outsiders? To the state? To you?

I urge you—**get the facts**.

Talk to the actual landowners who signed up.

Talk to the surrounding landowners and tenants.

**Ask yourself if this wind farm truly serves the people who live here—or just the people looking to profit off us.**

I hope you'll come to the same conclusion I have: **South Dakota doesn't need absentee landowners or foreign companies deciding our future.**

Thank you for your time.

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