

My name is Kevin Souza, and I own and operate a dairy farm - Victory Farms- in Milbank, South Dakota. The proposed transmission line is being discussed for a route that would place it less than half a mile from my farm, raising serious concerns about the potential effects of electromagnetic fields (EMFs) on my dairy cattle, the overall health of my operation, and the well-being of my family.

Research has examined the potential effects of EMF exposure on dairy cattle and livestock health. Given these concerns, I respectfully request that a minimum setback of one-half mile to one mile be established between the proposed transmission line and my farm. This distance would provide an additional buffer to help protect my livestock, preserve the integrity of my dairy operation, and safeguard the health and well-being of my family.

I ask that these concerns be given serious consideration during the planning and approval process and that the potential impacts on nearby agricultural operations and rural families be carefully evaluated before a final route is determined.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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