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Dear Codington County Commissioners,

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself, I am Daniel Kaaz. My wife (Teresa) & I reside in NE Codington County on a small 15 acre piece of land we purchased in 2001, however we have lived in NE South Dakota all our lives (My family still owns an original homestead from the 1880's). We've moved an older home (built in 1924) in from Waverly and for the last five years have been remodeling it & making it our home. To date we've invested over six figures and countless amounts of blood, sweat & tears to make this happen. Why does this matter? Because without a reasonable setback for the wind towers I may be forced to give it up.

The Dakota Range wind project wants to place wind towers in very close proximity to my home, placing my health & property value in jeopardy. More & more studies show that turbines in close proximity of homes cause sleeping disorders, insomnia, infrasound, stress and anxiety-that's just the tip of the iceberg. Keep in mind the Statue of Liberty is 305 ft tall. These towers are 550 ft tall. I will also be impacted by the flicker & shadow effect, both in the morning & evening as the proposed five towers will be directly east northeast of my home where the sun rises and to the west of my home when the sun sets. Without your help my night sky will also be ruined, as the relentless blinking of red lights will ruin my view of the stars. How about ice throw? How far & at what velocity would a chunk of ice come off a blade rotating at 200 m.p.h.? The manufacture of these towers tell their employees "not to linger" within 1625 feet of the tower, but it's safe for me to live 1000 feet from my home?

In February 2008, a 10-year-old Vestas turbine with a total height of less than 200 feet broke apart in a storm. Large pieces of the blades flew as far as 500 meters (1,640 feet) -- more than 8 times its total height. More recently (January 19 of this year) in Chatham/Kent in Canada a tower collapsed/ snapped in half. Thank God no one was injured, but what if it catches fire? There isn't a fire department in the area that can reach it. Hope we don't have this in the warm July/August months. Would this be acceptable within 1000 feet of your home?

Another major concern of mine is loss of property value. I recently had my property appraised in anticipation of the coming wind towers. Many studies out there show a loss of 30-60% decrease in property value from the turbines being close by. Would this be an acceptable loss if it were your property?

You have setbacks in play for livestock operations-measured from the neighbors property line. Why would non participating not be given the same rights? These are industrial wind towers-not some cattle operation & in my opinion are much more intrusive. When did Codington County become zoned industrial from agricultural? I live in the country so I can enjoy the peaceful life-why would you allow my rights & the rights of the non participating landowners to be overrun? Would ANY of this be acceptable at your home? Why should it be acceptable at mine? You need to think about it. If you were in my place you would be writing this letter.

You work for the people of Codington County. You are elected by the people of Codington County. Our rights matter. We ask for a reasonable setback-3/4 mile FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. I would also ask that the aircraft sensing lights be mandatory to save the night view of the stars. I'm not trying to stop the wind towers, I just want my peace & tranquility. Remember-you are in office as long as your term. The decisions you make will effect us a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Daniel & Teresa Kaaz

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Handwritten signatures of Daniel and Teresa Kaaz. The top signature is 'Daniel P Kaaz' and the bottom signature is 'Teresa Kaaz'. Both are written in cursive.