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Codington County Commissioner  
1910 West Kemp Ave.  
Watertown, SD 57201-3048  
C/O Luke Miller

Mr. Miller,

My name is John Patterson. My wife Karen and I own a home on Punished Woman Lake in South Shore South Dakota. We are from the Twin Cities and began making summer visits to South Shore with a friend that had ties to the town more than 30 years ago. We fell in love with the area and bought a lake home in 2002. We spend as many weekends as we can in South Shore starting in the late spring thru fall each year. It is our dream to build a new home on the lake and retire in the special town of South Shore on the beautiful shores of Punished Woman Lake. This year our dream took a hit as we started hearing about large wind farms coming to the area.

I understand that you have a setback meeting coming up soon.

We are concerned that the momentum and power of these large corporations will overwhelm the small towns and counties in its path. We fear that the enormous structures that are being planned will ruin the beautiful natural setting that is the area around Punished Woman Lake in South Shore SD. Additionally there are health and safety concerns.

I truly hope there is something you can do from a zoning/permit stand point to keep the 500 foot wind towers miles away from the homes in town. Additionally I would ask that you consider keeping the structures south of the town and not towering over our beautiful lake - Codington County's hidden gem.

Once those towers go up - they will change our beautiful landscape forever.

I am hopeful that Codington County can muster the strength and vision required to protect the future of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Patterson