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To: Birkholz, David (COMM)
Subject: CAPX2020 Request for Review

Mr. Birkholz,

In the CAPX2020 area from Freeport/Melrose to South St. Cloud, please consider the inclusion of Interstate 94 as an alternate route, with slight detours and possible short-distance undergrounding in high population density or problematic areas.

We farm in Avon township and would be greatly negatively impacted by this project if it goes through as currently proposed. We have considerable wildlife in the area that would be negatively impacted as well. Animal habitat such as the snapping turtles that migrate across the road (360th) from pond to lake would be severely impacted and/or killed off, as well as negatively impacting deer habitat. As a landowner, the power line poles would cause a burden in terms of farming around them, as well as one going directly over our home or in our yard which makes it tempting for small kids to explore.

The 94 corridor proposal above makes much more sense as it's an established route, clear of woods already, serves as a corridor to allow further growth and enhancements for power, and doesn't cause nearly the hardship as there would not be people and animals living directly below a power line as it's an already established route.

Thank you for your consideration,

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