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Mr. Birkholz,
The Holdingford Area Historical Society works closely with local businesses and residents to identify, preserve, and ultimately protect unique local heritage. As stewards of history, the Historical Society values the perseverance and commitment of farm families who have owned and operated homesteads for more than one-hundred years. These century farms serve as the foundation of local agrarian history and represent state and nationally recognized time honored vocations.

As such, our members believe that the CAPX 2020 Preferred and Alternate (A) North routes pose potential threats to both the natural and historic landscape of numerous century farms. Therefore, this letter is intended to serve as the Historical Society's opposition to said alignments, urging the committee to consider more historically conscientious project route(s), such as the I-94 alternative, to minimize adverse effects on significant cultural resources as set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).

Thank you for your time and consideration in this process!

Respectfully,

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