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To: [Storm, Bill \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Great Northern Transmission Line
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Dear Mr. Storm,

We are writing about our concerns regarding the recent events and news regarding the Great Northern Transmission Line. We were quite alarmed when we noticed the proposed path of the line crossing our recently developed land where we just completed building our dream home for our retirement. We purchased the northeast corner of Section 22 in Polonia Township in Roseau County in 2008 and started our retirement investment of creating a country retreat and refuge for our family. We worked many years and put in many hours developing the land for wildlife, making trails in the woods and getting our building site prepared. Two years later, we constructed our dream log home on this plot of land. The following year, we added a bunk house for our children and grandchildren to enjoy their weekend visits with us. Overall our investment has cost us over \$210,000 and we will have a mortgage on this dream for the next 10-12 years. Our plan was to pay it off prior to our retirement so we can live there in peace and tranquility. We invested in this property and house so we would increase the value of our investment and have a legacy for our children to enjoy after we are gone.

As you can imagine, when we were made aware of the path of transmission line that would go directly over our house and property, our hearts sank. Our dream was squashed and with a heavy heart, we realized all our hard work and investment would be for nothing if this line runs the proposed course. Our land value would be diminished greatly and our peaceful retreat would be an ugly eyesore and financially we would never recover our expenses if this was installed. I am sure we could never find someone to buy our investment with this line running right through the heart of our woodland paradise.

Our parcel of land is a mixture of farm land and woods; we have wildlife that lives in the 100 acres of woods. We have focused on their habitat and developed an area where they can thrive and we can enjoy their presence. We are concerned that if this line were to come across our land many acres of trees would be pushed down and destroyed. If the line comes through our land, we fear the wildlife will lose their home and would leave the area.

When I attended the public meeting in Roseau in February, we discussed the issue that we are explaining in this letter at the Public Information and Scoping Meeting. I asked why a path along the border was not considered. I mentioned there is already a cut along the border, this path is free of any homesteads and the land is used mainly in the fall for a few weeks when hunters arrive. It is my opinion this would cause fewer issues than coming across farm

land. I would like you to consider this option and look into the possibility of the alternate route.

We are concerned about this Transmission Line and what it will affect negatively in our area. We ask you to please do what you can in your office to help move the Great Northern Transmission Line to another location. We appreciate your attention in this matter.

Regards,

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