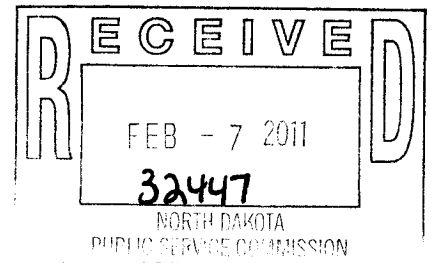


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February 2, 2011

ND PSC

600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408

Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear ND Public Service Commissioner,

I am writing you to urge you to deny coal-mining permits to out-of-state companies.

I grew up in Stark County and many of my family still live there. Coal mining by out-of-state companies who have no real stake in the long-term well-being of North Dakota threatens to destroy the countryside and put local farmers and ranchers out of business.

Please don't let that happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benedette Knopik".

Benedette Knopik