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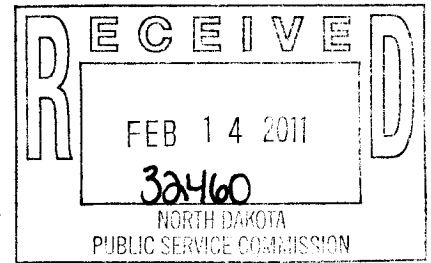
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Dear ND Public Service Commission:

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This letter is to request a formal hearing regarding the South Heart Mining Permit Application. As a resident of Grand Forks, North Dakota, I am very concerned with the implications that a mine in South Heart would have on the environment and the surrounding communities. Some of my concerns include the disturbance of uranium, contamination of land due to disposal of hazardous materials and loss of farming land in our overwhelmingly agricultural state.

The aforementioned environmental concerns will inevitably reach into Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Let us not forget Theodore Roosevelt's legacy as an avid naturalist and conservationist. Recall the honor bestowed upon Theodore Roosevelt in 1906: the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The proposed coal mine is at odds with this proud and robust piece of North Dakota's rich heritage.

This mine will have vast and permanent environmental effects on Western ND, not to mention our state's largest tourism site. I would like the Commission to hold a formal hearing where citizens can express these, and other, concerns. We must preserve and protect North Dakota's greatest resources and robust heritage. We must honor the health of our citizens, the wealth of our farming lands and the legacy of a great man.

*"There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country."*  
--Theodore Roosevelt, Confession of Faith Speech, Progressive National Convention, Chicago, IL, August 6, 1912

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara M. Magness".

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