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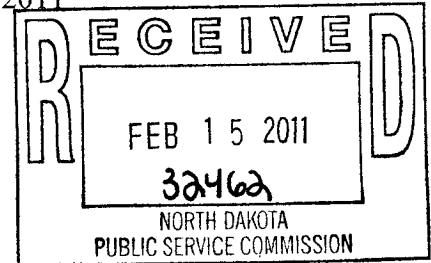
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ND Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505



Dear Public Service Commission,

I recently learned of the proposed coalmine project in South Heart, North Dakota, near Theodore Roosevelt National Park. I am shocked that this project is even being considered. If Teddy Roosevelt were alive today he'd put a swift end to such a backwards project. Roosevelt came here and realized the importance of preserving this pristine environment, not only because of its beauty, but because of its biological wealth. We are now realizing today that this wealth translates to long term, stable economic dollars for our state, since this is our number one tourist attraction and source of tourist revenue.

This mine will affect all North Dakotans. Just talk to anyone in ND and ask them if they've ever been to the park and how they feel about the place. It is such an important place to us, North Dakotans. It's part of our identity. In fact, each year my family, friends and I go on a camping trip to Medora and the National Park. Many people feel compelled to travel to Yellowstone or further, yet we are content to swim in the Little Missouri River, bike ride along the trails and enjoy the pristine natural environment we have right here in North Dakota.

Each year we meet many people from around the country and the world who come to see this beautiful national park, because it's very unique. How could we even consider jeopardizing our main tourist attraction with a coal mine? It must be preserved for our future generations.

It is now time to step up, like Theodore Roosevelt did, and protect our land in western ND. I strongly urge the public service commission to vote "NO" on the coalmine in South Heart. I also demand a FORMAL public hearing on the matter. This is a representative government, we choose people to represent the desires of the local constituents. As a citizen of this state, I urge you to listen to the people and choose our best interests, instead of allowing an out of state company to make money and run, while leaving our state polluted and destroyed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Kambeitz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Angela Kambeitz