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Honorable Randy Christmann
Honorable Julie Fedorchak
Honorable Brian Kroshus
North Dakota Public Service Commissioners
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Commissioners:

I recognize you have an important decision before you and I would like to urge you to support the wind project planned for Emmons and Logan Counties. As the 1st Vice President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association, and a landowner who has personally participated in the Ashtabula wind project with NextEra Energy Resources over the past decade, I can tell you this is a tremendous opportunity and you owe it to your constituents, especially your farmers, to pursue it.

The North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA) has been the premier voice for the state's wheat and barley producers for over 50 years. More than half of our state's farmers – more than 19,000 across North Dakota – proudly grow grain to benefit not only our state but feed our nation and the world. The NDGGA remains committed to serving its members with education, leadership, and opportunities to enhance their businesses.

Wind energy is an opportunity that makes sense for North Dakota, and especially for our farmers. Partnering with a wind project allows farmers to diversify their income and offset the variability of weather conditions and commodity prices. Wind energy provides a steady income that I have personally seen keep generational family farms running.

Wind projects work well with farming operations. They help farmers supplement their incomes to invest back into their businesses. The access roads that NextEra built for our wind farm are actually a big help to us during harvest time.

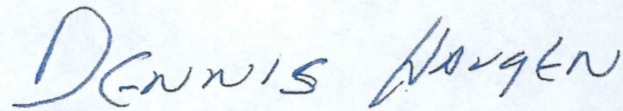
NDGGA provides a voice for wheat and barley producers on domestic policy issues – such as crop insurance, disaster assistance and the Farm Bill – while serving as a source for agronomic and crop marketing education for its members.

The turbines themselves take up less than an acre of land, so farmers can continue to cultivate and earn from the rest of their land.

What's more, wind projects are powering North Dakota communities. They're creating good jobs and millions of dollars in tax benefits that our towns and counties desperately need to help support schools, roads and services.

As both a wind farm participant and the leader of an organization that helps farmers across our state, I ask you to do what's right for the farmers in your community and support the Emmons/Logan County Wind Energy Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Haugen". The letters are cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

Dennis Haugen
1st Vice President
North Dakota Grain Growers Association