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Please vote no on HB 1258.

As a landowner who is at this time being bullied by a private group of investors for personal gain, I know firsthand what can happen when our local governments lose authority for setbacks and laws to protect its citizens. Our local authority knows best how to take care of its lands and communities.

HB 1258 bill prioritizes corporate interests over the rights of North Dakota's landowners and communities. It takes away local decision-making power and sets a dangerous precedent for disregarding the voices of those most affected.

I believe in local governance and the right of townships and counties to make decisions that best serve their landowners and residents. HB 1258 undermines this principle by stripping local governments of their authority and allowing energy companies to bypass landowners to push corporate energy projects through—regardless of landowner opposition.

I urge a DO NOT PASS HB 1258.

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