

Dear Congressman,

As lifelong North Dakota citizens and dedicated taxpayers, we are writing to express our profound concern regarding the use of eminent domain to infringe upon the rights of property owners in our state. This practice not only undermines the essential principles of private property ownership but also disregards the voices of those who have invested their lives and livelihoods in these lands.

While we understand that eminent domain is intended to serve the public good, its application must be balanced with the rights and interests of individual property owners. The current approach has left many of us feeling unheard and powerless. Impact letters have already been submitted to county auditors, underscoring the significant consequences this issue has on our communities and our future.

We urge you to champion policies that safeguard property owners from unjust seizures. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the impact letter submitted to the county auditors, highlighting the gravity of the situation. The heritage and prosperity of North Dakota depend on protecting the rights and dignity of its citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We trust that you will stand with North Dakota residents by ensuring justice and fairness in your representation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Auditor's Office,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current regulations for the placement of power lines near residential dwellings. While the existing minimum distance of 500 feet may seem adequate, I strongly believe that this distance should be increased to at least 2,500 feet to better protect the health and safety of our community.

Research has shown that living near high-voltage power lines can pose potential health risks, including increased rates of certain cancers and other adverse health effects. The electromagnetic fields generated by these lines have been a subject of extensive study, and while conclusive evidence may vary, many health experts recommend larger buffer zones to mitigate these risks.

Moreover, increasing the distance to 2,500 feet would not only help in addressing health concerns but would also enhance property values in the area. Homebuyers are often wary of properties near power lines, which can lead to decreased demand and lower property prices. By implementing a more stringent distance requirement, we can ensure that our community remains a desirable place to live.

Additionally, there are environmental considerations to take into account. Wider buffer zones can help preserve local ecosystems and reduce the impact on wildlife habitats, contributing to a more sustainable environment for future generations.

I urge you to consider the potential long-term benefits of establishing a minimum distance of 2,500 feet for power lines from residential dwellings. It is essential to prioritize the well-being of our residents and the integrity of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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