

Dear Senators,

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DO NOT PASS SB2208

This bill takes away the voice of the people. The Rupp land has been farmed, in North Dakota, for nearly 120 years. To have no say in what infrastructure comes into our townships, cities or counties is wrong on so many levels. We may not be suits at the Bismarck State Capitol, but we are the Backbone of North Dakota and should not be muted or threatened with loss of tax-payer dollars. More than ever, right now our North Dakota Landowners are under attack. Legislation should not be presented to push for Giant Energy Corporations, that will have little to no benefit, for our local farms and rural businesses.

As quoted most recently by Sarah Vogel, *Letter to Inforum*:

Don't gamble with ND's farmland

"By expanding who can legally own farmland, this change creates an open door for foreign governments, like China, or billion-dollar investment funds to acquire North Dakota farmland," writes Sarah Vogel, who served as ag commissioner from 1988 to 1996.

Respectfully,
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