

Mr. Chairman,
and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee,

My name is Richard Schlosser. My wife and I farm near Edgeley in Lamoure county with our son and his family. Last year Jet X representatives asked us to sign an easement for a high voltage transmission line that would pass through our property near our residence. We didn't commit to a lease because we needed more information

We attended their information meetings and learned that the JetX project was an extra high voltage 345KV transmission line with 1800MW capacity. Later during a township meeting we learned that the line will eventually provide service to an Applied Digital facility near Ellendale. According to Applied Digital's website its energy demand will ramp up to about 2 GW the equivalent to the energy demand of 1.5 million homes. We eventually decided not to agree to the JetX lease agreement.

How can JetX justify its claim that it will serve a 'public benefit' when most of its capacity will serve one load owned by an out of state corporation, Applied Digital and its partner, Marcquarie Group, an Australian asset management group? The question before the committee is, why is the emergency funding to repair our infrastructure withheld so that Applied Digital and its foreign partner can enjoy the benefits of this legislation that could potentially force landowners to sign easements through the condemnation process? Does this not override our constitutionally guaranteed right to property under the takings clause of the fifth amendment? Finally, moving local control powers to a three person panel removed from those impacted by the project overrides a basic tenet of democracy which is governance by the consent of the governed. I strongly urge the committee to give this bill a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Respectfully,

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