

Dear Senators,

I would like to testify against SB2208. I believe this bill represents a political corruption and an abuse of political power at state level of our local legislature. Our District 28 legislators should be representing the citizens, taxpayers, and landowners that have elected them into office and not representing outside corporate companies. This energy infrastructure that they are trying to steamroll everyone with will not help our local power cooperatives. It is to supply enough power to Applied Digital and by pass local communities. They can lie and turn it however they want. Local citizens are researching this and calling out these companies and have found they are manipulative and lying corrupt snakes. They are ruthless and don't care about endangering anybody's health or lives. If they want to take away our funding for cities, townships and counties, does that mean we can pay less taxes? If we don't get funding that our taxes support, why pay taxes? We are not implementing ordinances and having meetings to harass these companies. We are doing this to represent the residents that have elected us to local government that have concerns because these companies are lying and not being transparent. It's their way or the highway. They told a resident there is no negotiation. Our local government is representing the citizens, landowners and taxpayers. That is what we are elected to do. We wish our District 28 legislators would back us up and represent us which they are supposed to do, but instead, refuse to answer phone calls or return emails of the public. Why doesn't Mike Brandenburg put the proposed transmission line on his property that he claims is essential infrastructure? That's because he has been bought out and has signed up for wind towers and possibly a solar farm. Wind towers have to be a certain distance from the transmission line so he can't have it on his property, but wants it on his neighbor's property because property owners with the transmission line get a one-time payment for a 99-year easement on a quarter section of land for roughly \$55000. Wind towers pay annually or bi-annually for many years. Please understand why he introduced this bill. It's not to benefit local communities, it's to benefit himself and does not care about his neighbors or communities. You can go to the North Dakota Secretary of State website and see the contributions that NextEra Energy, MDU, Ottertail Power Company and others that have paid and bought out which politicians. That's not including any under the table money that has been thrown at them to threaten local government with this bill. Please, please do not pass this bill!

