

I am concerned with SB2208 as it reads the cities, counties, and townships will be ineligible for grants if they adopt conflicting policies from the State regarding energy infrastructure. It seems to me that the State of North Dakota would then be deciding how the people living in particular cities/counties/townships have their places of residence look like. In addition, denying grants because the city/county/township goes against the State Legislature is PUNISHMENT for not agreeing with the legislators that we have elected. You are elected to REPRESENT THE VOTERS, not energy companies! Why would cities have City Councils, Counties have County Commissions, and townships have Boards if they can't make decisions for their constituents and have to bow down to the State? This doesn't make sense. You will be taking away the voice of the people not to mention destroying the landscape of the State that we love. You should not want nor get the power to make decisions for landowners whose property these energy infrastructure projects will be affecting for generations of families. You are trampling on personal property rights, do you have something to gain by doing this? I understand energy needs of ND and surrounding states. I understand that this particular bill is probably focused on the JetX and Nexterra projects (which the state gave \$125,000,000) - which affects the next projects coming to our area (fertilizer plant and the wind towers project). I also understand that the wind towers power will be sold to MN because it is considered green energy; someone is selling out ND - MN gets their "green" energy and we get the ugly red poles, wires, noise, the mayhem of building and maintaining said poles, and loss of productive land. Are there constituents who are for this bill whose personal property rights are in jeopardy or is it just the energy companies who are backing you on this bill? Who are you listening to? Who should you be?