SAMPLE LETTER TEMPLATE

[Your Name]
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[Date]

Subject: Support for a 2,000-Foot Transmission Line Setback in South Dakota

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the proposed transmission line projects currently being considered in South Dakota and my support for establishing a minimum 2,000-foot setback from homes and businesses whenever possible.

While I understand the importance of maintaining and improving energy infrastructure, I believe major transmission lines should be planned responsibly and routed in ways that minimize impacts to rural residents, farms, businesses, future development, and local communities.

Large transmission structures placed too close to homes and businesses can negatively impact:

- Property values
- Scenic rural viewsheds
- Future residential and commercial growth
- Hunting, tourism, and recreational businesses
- Farm operations and aerial agriculture
- Community character and quality of life

I respectfully ask decision makers, utility companies, and state officials to support responsible routing practices and adopt stronger setback standards that better protect South Dakota landowners and communities.

A 2,000-foot setback would help reduce conflicts, preserve future development opportunities, and encourage more balanced long-term infrastructure planning across the state.

I also ask that proposed routes near expanding communities, airports, homes, farms, and businesses receive additional review and consideration before final routes are approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]