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Dear Community Advisory Committee,

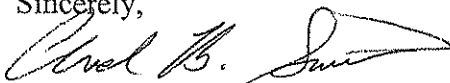
It is with great regret that we are discussing yet another power line that would potentially splinter our farm and homestead into multiple sections. I would like to bring two points of view to your attention regarding this issue.

Firstly, the real impact of this decision, should it come to fruition, will severely fraction our current farm into four fragmented sections. This is the case as we already have a large power line running on our land from north to south. The new, proposed power line would cross that line cutting our property into checkerboard fragments. This makes our property less marketable and less adaptable to the needs we see fit for our land. This proposed power line would also have an environmental impact on the ecosystems that we are trying to foster on our land. We are very concerned about this impact first and foremost.

Secondly, the impact to the land that our family has coveted for six generations is being threatened by this possible decision. This farm is the birth-right to multiple generations of Kirbys. We celebrate and define our family on this land and share our family experiences and interactions on this farm. Christmases, Easters, Mother's Days, and birthdays are all shared here. We collectively share in the responsibilities of its maintenance and decisions in the direction that it evolves. This is our homestead and we all are affected by this decision.

In conclusion, we request that this power line not be put on our property. We desire that a new proposed line be drawn up that would not dissect our land, or anyone else's land. There are crossing points with existing lines that would be better suited for intersection, such as at ending and beginning points of property breaks. This would not have the impact that this proposal currently dictates to our farm. Please take this commentary into consideration while making your decision. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



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