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Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

A Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) concerning the Powder River Basin Expansion Project of the DM&E Railroad was recently completed. As it relates to the trackage in the Mankato area, the DEIS concluded that the environmentally preferred route is the alternative M-2 route, commonly referred to as the Southern By-Pass Route.

This is a very controversial recommendation, and I would like to share my opinion with you and the Surface Transportation Board.

Opinion: Route M-2 would destroy precious land & neighborhoods. We are the third generation to
(See back for further comments)

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build a family home in the village of
Skyline. Allowing the railroad to follow route
M-2 would ruin the community of
Skyline and the hopes and dreams of
our children growing up in a safe, quiet
neighborhood like I did.