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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to share our concerns about the proposed Iron Range-St. Louis County-Arrowhead Project (ISA Project) and the possibility of a new transmission line route crossing through the middle of our property.

When we first received the request for access, we believed it was related to the existing power line. Since learning that a new route is being considered through our property, we have become very concerned about what this could mean for our future.

We share the same concerns mentioned by others in our community negatively impacted by this project. This property is not just land to us. It is our home. It's our livelihood and the place where we are building our family's future.

We purchased our property in 2014 and fell in love, we knew we would never leave. We dreamed of renovating the house and raising our family here, this was going to be our forever home. In 2023, our renovation dreams became a reality when we rebuilt our home. Since then, we have continued to invest our time, energy, and resources creating a place where we can spend time doing the things we love with the people we love.

Our land is a big part of that life. We garden, raise pasture-raised meat, have a barn full of laying hens (and ducks), and harvest venison from this land. We spend much of our free time outdoors and have invested not only financially, but emotionally into making this property what it is today.

The possibility of a transmission line running through the center of our property is terrifying and heartbreaking. It would permanently change the character of the land and the life we have built here. It would affect how we use our property every day and eliminate many of the plans we have for the future.

We are also concerned about the impact on the wildlife that calls this property home. Hunting and fishing is an important part of our lifestyle, and our property contains a protected trout stream that we love and feel should be preserved. We worry about the effects that this project could have on the pine river valley.

We never imagined we would have to draft a letter explaining all of this, and we don't believe any words written could accurately translate the fear and anxiety we have about this project. The amount of property value this project will take away from the biggest investment we will ever make, makes us sick. This is a worst case scenario for our family's financial future and much like the disrupted and destroyed ecosystems, we're not sure if we could ever recover.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Charlie and Julia Martin
