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Dear Chairman Olson and distinguished members of this committee,

Our family has farmed the land in Allen County for three generations. We take pride in our crop and livestock production. Our two sons are both recent graduates of Kansas State University and intend on returning to live on our farm, build homes and raise families and follow in our family tradition of agriculture. We have great concerns about the high voltage 345-Kilovolt transmission lines coming through our property in northern Allen County. The proposed lines would cross our land near our farm home and livestock facilities.

When we were contacted by NextEra several months ago, they promised us that they would not come on our land to take core samples until they had permission to do so. They never contacted us as promised before they drove large machinery out in the middle of our muddy field where I told them they did not have permission to be without first making a phone call. This was in direct opposition to what was promised us. We can't believe any of the members of this committee would be pleased to have this happen on their own personal property. We only asked that rules were followed and our property rights were respected.

We do not trust NextEra and we do not want these high voltage transmission lines coming across our property. Our sons no longer want to build homes and raise a family near the close proximity of these incredibly powerful transmission lines of 345-Kilovolt. Do you blame them? Would you want your grandchildren and great grandchildren to live near them? Our family will have to live in perpetuity with the consequences of these transmission lines. Not only are we concerned about potential health hazards for our family and livestock but we do not want to have our property defaced and land devalued with power lines.

It is very unfortunate that a Florida Company will be allowed to decide the fate of our land and make decisions that will affect our family and all future generations of the Regehr family in Allen County.

We hope that with your support for SB 166 will make sure that protecting those rights by transparent procedures and accountability of the behavior of utility companies toward land owners will be a beginning of respect that every land owner deserves.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to address your distinguished committee.

Sincerely,

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