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Dear Director Glatt,

I am writing to you as a supporter of State of North Dakota primacy for all permitting, and in this case air permitting. The citizens of North Dakota feel more strongly about having clean air and water in our state than a bunch of self declared experts from Washington D.C. And our local regulators are more capable, more knowledgeable, and better qualified in every regard to make the best decisions than are federal employees who have never even been to this state.
North Dakota does not have a problem with air quality. It is exceedingly presumptuous, and completely incorrect, to assume that we need federal interference with protecting our natural resources.

I understand DEQ may be under pressure to impose new controls on power plants, even though power plants are not the primary cause of visibility impairment and new controls would not meaningfully improve visibility. Therefore, I urge support for the implementation plan developed by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that ensures our region continues to benefit from clean and clear air along with reliable, affordable electricity supply, today and in the future.

Sincerely,

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