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I'm writing because I'm deeply worried about Pete Lien and Sons' plan to drill near Rochford (#67838). As someone who [hikes/camps/fishes/cares about this area regularly or grew up here], I don't think the potential harm to our community and environment is worth whatever they're hoping to find underground.

This project feels like a bad deal for everyone who loves the Black Hills. For years, my family and I have [fished in Rapid Creek, watched elk graze near the trails, or visited sacred sites with Tribal friends]. Drilling here puts all of that at risk. What happens if there's a spill or leak? Our water, wildlife, and way of life shouldn't be collateral damage for a short-term profit.

I've read about how these projects can go wrong-groundwater contamination, heavy machinery tearing up the land, noise scaring off animals. And let's be honest: once companies start digging, it rarely stops at "exploratory." This could snowball into something much bigger, and by then it'll be too late to fix.

Plus, this area isn't just land-it's sacred. The Lakota and other Tribes have called these hills home for generations. Their voices and rights should be at the table first, not an afterthought.

I'm not against jobs or progress, but there's got to be a better way. Why rush into drilling when we don't even know the full risks? At the very least, do a full environmental study and talk openly with the public. Most folks around here [rely on tourism/clean water/open spaces], and we deserve to know how this could hurt our health, economy, and kids' futures.

Please say NO to Project #67838. Let's protect what makes this place special instead of gambling it away.