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Dear Ms. Bladey,

I am writing on behalf to the Town Council and the people of Buffalo Gap, South Dakota. We are protesting in the strongest possible terms our absolute objection to Powertechs proposed uranium mine at Dewey-Burdock near Edgemont.

We are prepared to use every means at our disposal to fight this travesty. We are joining with the other unified opposition groups in the southern Black Hills to fight this environmental and ecological disaster. Powertechs findings in regards to the use of ground water are based on faulty and biased science. They are proposing to use water from the Inyan Kara aquifer for the project. They have stated that the water from the Inyan Kara is non-potable, nothing could be farther from the truth. That water is the source of the drinking water for the town of Buffalo Gap and the surrounding area. This aquifer is the life blood of our town and the surrounding ranches.

The proposed uranium mine at Dewey Burdock not only threatens to destroy our way of life but also threatens the health and welfare of our children, grandchildren and future generations. The Inyan Kara aquifer lies in permeable sandstone. Powertech is proposing to use millions of gallons of this water in the uranium extraction process. The aquifer cannot support this overuse of water for the project while remaining sustainable for residential, livestock and agricultural use.

For Powertech to insinuate that our drinking water source is already saturated with heavy metals, making it unusable for human consumption is a blatant misrepresentation of the facts. It is a conclusion they have come to using studies that are biased in their favor with complete disregard for the truth.

Once again, we are prepared to fight this to the fullest extent. We will not stand by and let a Canadian company come in and destroy our livelihood and way of life. No short term economic gain will offset the long term environmental damage that will be done. Agriculture and tourism are the major industries in our region. Both will suffer irreparable harm if this project moves forward. We are united, informed and will fight this with every means at our disposal.

Regards,

The concerned citizens of Buffalo Gap, South Dakota

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