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RE: STB Hearing for Thursday, April 10, 2014

To whom it may concern:

As an independent farmer and producer in the upper plains states, I write to be included in the upcoming hearing regarding solutions to the grain transportation issues facing BSNF and regional farmers.

I am representing over 100 farmers and producers in our area, ethanol plants and farming coops. Our situation is dire and at crisis level. It is crucial that we get our grains to market prior to 2014's harvest. I have been the past president of South Dakota Wheat Growers and a founding member of South Dakota Corn Growers.

I wish to participate in the hearing and share solutions and ideas from our area.

The docket number is EP 724.

Thank you for your consideration.

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