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Darin Bergquist, Secretary
SDDOT
700 E Broadway Avenue
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Dear Secretary Bergquist:

As a native South Dakotan and a resident of Rapid City for twenty-seven years I urge you to support the proposal by Rapid City to acquire the rail right of way from Rapid City to Caputa and beyond for two reasons:

1. The State should never forfeit a right of way of this importance. We do not know what opportunities the future may hold for that line.
2. The Mickelson Trail has proved what a benefit to our region a recreational trail can be. Even the strongest opponents at the time the trail was created are now avid supporters. We are a recreation and tourism region, and we should use all available assets to that end.

Sincerely,

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