

April 10, 2024

Dear Directors, Managers, Staff and Friends of Nodak Electric:

Welcome to all attending the Nodak Electric annual meeting in Grand Forks today. This is your opportunity to meet up with neighbors and friends and support the work of Nodak Electric as it delivers the power your homes and businesses need to thrive and grow.

During my years representing the people of North Dakota in Congress, I look for every opportunity to showcase the excellence of our state's rural electric cooperatives. You meet every challenge that comes before you to deliver reliable and resilient power. As the son of a rural electric lineman, and a former utility regulator at the North Dakota Public Service Commission, I know very well what these challenges are. Thank you for the leadership you provide and the example you set.

As the Biden Administration nears its potential end, the regulatory agencies it directs are working to get their new, one-size-fits-all regulations finalized. I've tried to leverage my seat on the Environment and Public Works Committee to get the Environmental Protection Agency to back off and realize a reliable and affordable electric grid is vitally important to our economic and national security. We can continue to make progress, as we have for decades, on improving our environment, but it should be done with technological progress and within the confines of the law.

Enjoy your meeting, and please don't hesitate to reach out and keep me informed on the issues most important to you. My door is always open, and I welcome opportunities to collaborate as I serve you in the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cramer

United States Senate