

My name is Scott Lewis. My wife Linda and I live at 4949 South 148<sup>th</sup> Street in Walton, Nebraska. We are fortunate to live on the Herter/Hagaman/Sartore Farm, called Waveland Farm, that is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

I am here tonight to represent myself as the resident and Joel and Kathy Sartore as the owners of this historic property. Joel is away on assignment for the National Geographic Society and asked that I read his statement into the record. Following his statement, I'll add a few comments of my own.

Here are Joel's comments:

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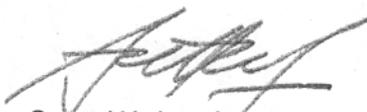
Joel has sent some copies of the July issue of National Geographic that contain an article on the nationwide problem of "urban sprawl", and he urges your consideration of it.

In the few moments I have remaining, I would like to speak as a person who lives on the farm. The place where I live was originally built in 1874 and "modernized" into the Queen Anne style in the 1890s. At this time, only a portion of the original 120 acre plot is listed on the National Register. It is my hope that all 120 acres will be listed and I understand that a nomination has been sent to the Keeper of the Register for that purpose. The farm still has its 60' barn, 1920s hog barn, corncrib, smokehouse, outhouse and grain bin. When I walk toward the back field, I pass rolls of fencing and farm implements that have lain idle for decades. From the edge of the wind break I look across rural landscapes to see the skyline of Lincoln and the State Capitol. I can see sunsets that spread across the entire horizon.

I have reviewed the work of the staff and the comparisons they have made on the relative benefits and detriments of the three proposed east routes. From my layman's perspective, the East Middle route is the most beneficial and least detrimental to the largest number of people, structures and the environment. It is my hope that you will follow the recommendation of the staff and agree that the East Far route is the *least* desirable route and that the East Middle route is the *most* desirable of the three routes considered.

Adopting the recommendation of the staff, will make it possible for future generations to live in the historic house on the historic site in which I now live, and it will give them the opportunity to feel the pride of being a part of Lincoln while being protected from its encroachment.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this evening.



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