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Dear John,

The upcoming legislative session presents a tremendous opportunity that we intend to take full advantage of.

First and foremost, we plan to address the American Prairie Reserve from multiple angles. We're working on legislation that would prevent the state or private entities from establishing a free-roaming bison herd. Prohibiting wild bison would be a serious blow to APR's designs.

And we're exploring ways to prohibit APR from abusing their "charitable" tax status. For years they've been using tax-advantaged funds to buy ranch property and take it out of agricultural production. So far they've acquired dozens of ranches valued around \$70 million, and they plan to buy up much more. **There's nothing charitable about APR's agenda, and we intend to stop them from exploiting the tax code to create an advantage when competing in the market for land.**

We can stop APR, but there is no silver bullet. We've got to put up as many roadblocks as possible to slow, and eventually reverse, their progress. The legislative agenda we have planned for 2021 is a critical part of this strategy. **You can help by contributing to UPOM to support our legislative efforts.**

Stopping APR is just one of our priorities for the 2021 legislative session. We are also working on ideas to provide some relief to landowners beleaguered by over-objective elk populations.

Ultimately, we need to get elk populations under control by more-aggressive management. In the meantime, we're asking the legislature to make game damage available to more landowners, especially those in districts where elk populations have been allowed to exceed objective levels and FWP has limited hunting opportunity.

APR and elk management are our two biggest issues during this legislature, but we'll be working to protect property rights on a number of other fronts as well. We'd love to hear your ideas about legislation we can explore to enhance our rights to own, use, and enjoy our property—please share those thoughts with info@upom.org.

And ultimately, we need your help. Please consider a special donation to UPOM to help us fund our legislative budget. We wouldn't be able to do any of this without the generous support of our members. Thank you in advance for anything you can contribute to help this important cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Denowh', written in a cursive style.

CHARLES DENOWH
Policy Director