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PUC Commission

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Commissioners,

As owner/operator of the R&R Pheasant Hunting Lodge and Roseland Ranch, I want to urge you to support the plan before you to build the Dakota Access Pipeline. This project represents a long-term investment in our region that would deliver 450,000 barrels of crude oil a day from the Bakken and Three Forks production areas to multiple sites for processing, allowing America to use our own energy resources rather than import oil from the Middle East.

As a rancher and a business owner, my support is contingent upon the fact that the job will be done in a manner that protects my way of life, and protects the state of South Dakota's vital land resources. I've done my research. And I am more than comfortable with this project.

I want to commend Energy Partners for its diligence in protecting the environment and the land. The company has committed to meet individual landowner needs as it proceeds from preliminary land surveys to actual construction and, at later stages, compensation should there be any damage. It has publically voiced its intention to protect our state's natural resources. And the fact that they've brought on firms with local expertise and depth of experience in land reclamation and restoration is very encouraging to me.

Pipelines have a proven history of moving crude oil across this country. They are a far superior option than railroad and trucks, helping to reduce congestion on highways and competition with agricultural concerns for the use of our railroads. We've all seen the impact of the shift in our rail capacity from grain to crude oil. That's meant serious cost for farmers in South Dakota. A pipeline like this would go a long way toward fixing this problem – and would be a lot safer in the process. Wouldn't we rather have this crude safely underground than speeding through our towns and railroad crossings?

This \$3.7 billion commitment will help provide landowners with additional revenue through the purchase of rights of way agreements. It will cause the creation of as many as 12,000 new jobs during the construction

phase. These will be well-paying jobs, and the result will be an economic boost for our economy. Our local schools and communities will reap the benefits through additional tax revenues.

I am glad to see the interest in private investment in South Dakota and urge you to approve this project.

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