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Public Utilities Commission as a whole,

Let me start out by saying that I believe this issue is bigger than your governing body and the final decision will be made somewhere else. I've heard both sides of the issue and I believe that the Keystone XL pipeline is a step in the wrong direction regardless of who's land you build it on. There is a general consensus in the scientific community about Global Warming. Regardless of all that I'm excited to work with people in the area on this issue. Taking up the cause of environmental stewardship and social justice.

I'm frustrated that this issue progressed so far before I even got knowledge of it the idea being around since 2010 or when fracking started. Another frustration is the idea the President put foreword of the new energy economy which fell out of favor with the faltering economy and never materialized. We have made progress locally in recycling and recycled goods with the trouble at the landfill being the motivating factor. Also I know there's incentives out there to build energy efficient buildings and to add green spaces. Any move away from oil will be a slow one and as far as I know the oil and gas industry is heavily subsidized. The big argument that favors the pipeline is that we wouldn't have to move the oil by truck; the jobs, and it would be *"the safest pipeline ever built."*

Not to turn this into the Al Gore movie *An Inconvenient Truth* but the risky things we're doing to get oil have a high environmental price. Take the Gulf Oil Spill for instance after the amount of time it took to stop and clean up that they went right back out there to drill the gulf. When you're fracking your basically making sections of the earth explode which even bothers me from a religious point of view. I don't believe these resources would get us far and we would be making short term gains in jobs and energy that in the long term would hurt us.

The Keystone Pipeline is something I would like to see stopped. Members of my family have been involved in stopping strip mining, and maintaing Spearfish Kanyon in it's natural beauty. Also a chemical waste dump a Edgemont, and I am hoping to gain some knowledge regardless of the outcome. Maybe I'll even see some sucess from being involved with NO KXL.

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