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To The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

As a state representative I have reviewed the Dakota Access Pipeline project on the strength of its overall benefits to South Dakota and the nation. In my opinion, the DAPL is an efficient and environmentally sound resource for transporting light sweet crude oil from the Bakken and Three Forks fields in North Dakota to major U.S. refining areas.

Completion of the pipeline will relieve the chronic shortage of railway transport capacity facing South Dakota grain growers. It will also provide a welcome and permanent new source of property tax revenue, as well as good-paying, if temporary, construction jobs.

My purpose with this comment, however, is to endorse the DAPL project in personal terms, rather than as an elected official. I am one of the agricultural property owners whose land the pipeline will cross under on its 1,100 mile journey to Illinois.

In my firsthand dealing with Dakota Access, LLC, I have seen them deliver on their stated policy of maximum protection for agricultural land and maximum accommodation of land owners. Specifically, Dakota Access professionals worked with me to create an individualized plan for my property. They amiably altered their original proposed path for the pipeline through my property to accommodate my plans for future development.

The Dakota Access representatives also adjusted their plans in order to go around a cell phone tower already on my land. As a result, access to the cell tower will not be impeded during or after installation of the pipeline.

Perhaps most important, the Dakota Access people showed a deep knowledge of and commitment to land preservation. They demonstrated a willingness to go the extra mile to insure the sustainability of sensitive agricultural land involved with the pipeline project. This was reflected in their attentiveness to the need for adequate ground cover and their flexibility on the design of the pipeline itself.

The pipeline builders also made a fair financial offer for the easement across my land.

This total experience left me confident that Dakota Access Pipeline management is committed to a long-term productive and cooperative partnership with South Dakota's ranchers and farmers, as well as with state government. As a South Dakota resident, business owner and farmer, I would encourage you to approve the Dakota Access Pipeline and let this partnership commence.

Thank You

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