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To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Stop Dakota Access HP14-002

Commissioner

Docket Number: HP14-002

I oppose the construction of the proposed Dakota Access crude oil pipeline because it will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment and current or future inhabitants. The pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota communities. The pipeline will destroy natural resources that are needed to sustain South Dakota as a leader in agriculture and tourism. Also, South Dakota does not have state inspectors or funds to protect citizens from pipeline accidents.

The Dakota Access Pipeline would not serve the good of the public. It is all risk and no reward for South Dakota and its residents. The pipeline would be a negative legacy for all South Dakotans.

The potential impact of an oil spill or leak to water and land quality for both private and public lands would be devastating and costly to South Dakota's communities.

The remedy that I seek is to outright deny a permit to construct the Dakota Access crude oil pipeline in South Dakota.

The Dakota Access pipeline project is connected to so many issues. Environment, economy, public health, and much more. The tribes protesting the pipeline project are fighting to protect their sacred land and their right to access clean water. The continued oppression of Native American people in this country is appalling.

This project is something that everyone should care about. The threats that it poses to environmental and human health far outweigh the fleeting economic benefits that may be realized in the pipeline region and the country. We should be investing in renewable energy rather than pumping more resources into energy from fossil fuel. We should be pushing for innovation and technological advances that will improve our quality of life while not at the same time destroying our lands and our health.

I read that a judge has recently ruled that the project may move forward. So, I am writing to you in the hopes that there is still something that can be done to stop this. Please help stop this activity that shows so much disrespect for the Native American tribes that are affected by the path of the pipeline; this activity that in fact affects not just those in

along the project route. The protection of our natural resources and environment is something everyone should fight for.

Please consider the support of projects that will be more beneficial in the long-term, such as investment in renewable energy including wind, solar, and others. Moving away from dependence on foreign oil is important. However, it doesn't go far enough. Fossil fuels of all kinds come with hefty threats to human and environmental health. Renewable energy will also help us to move away from foreign oil, but without the harmful consequences of fossil fuels. The continued development of renewable energy will also foster innovation and increasing jobs in this growing sector. Please consider investing in a healthy future for everyone.

Sincerely,

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