

Docket # HP14-002

My name is Janie Wallace and I would like to submit a letter of support to the South Dakota Public Utility Commission for the Dakota Access Pipeline. This pipeline is needed to transport Domestic Crude Oil from the Bakken Oil Fields of North Dakota to Midwest refineries so this country can use our own crude produced here in America. For every barrel of American Crude used in this country is a barrel of crude we don't import from the mid-east or South America countries that want to bring this great nation to their knees to stay dependent on them for energy that we can't survive without. America has our own energy so why would we keep pouring money to these countries that our young military men and women are fighting and dying for every day protecting their desert sand oil.

Dakota Access Pipeline will create thousands of jobs for Pipeline workers in the four states this pipeline runs through. The state of South Dakota will benefit from this Energy Transfer pipeline project with millions of tax revenue to be distributed throughout the state to build or update roads, fire departments, schools, hospitals and many other needs of South Dakota residents. Millions of dollars will stimulate the local economies along the pipeline route with contractors and their employees spending their hard earned money in these communities for food, housing, and all the goods they need to live in these areas while working on the pipeline. Also many of these pipeline workers are South Dakota citizens that will have the opportunity to work at or close to their homes. South Dakota has hundreds of skilled pipeline workers in all trades, welders and welder helpers, equipment operators, laborers, and teamsters.

This Bakken Crude is finding its way to market by truck, rail, and any existing pipeline it can use to get to the refineries. These are the most dangerous means of transport with the trucking industry clogging the roads and the railroads neglecting other products such as the farmer's grain that is stored on the ground right now because of no means of transport. The most dangerous transport of this oil is in these 60 to 70 year old pipelines that should have been taken out of service and replaced with new stronger pipe and the new technology that was not available when these old pipelines were built. Energy Transfer will build the DAPL with DOT, PHEMSA and South Dakota Public Utility Commission rules and regulations to ensure this pipeline will be the safest and environmentally sound pipeline in the world.

I ask the South Dakota Utility Commission to issue this permit so this country can get one step closer to Energy Independence and put Americans to work.

Thank You, Janie Wallace, Wife of a 798 Pipeline Welder

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