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**To:** Kolbeck, Steve  
**Subject:** TansCanada-Keystone Pipeline

Commissioner, Steve Kolbeck,

Within the last several years the company know to me as TansCanada -Keystone Pipeline and their agents have continually made calls to me in Missoula, MT regarding my land held in Kingsbury County, SD.

They do not take NO, as an answer but continue to plague me with their PR asking me to sign my property rights away for their endeavor. With statements like when you receive our letter will you sign it?? HOW MANY DOCUMENTS (LETTERS) HAVE YOU LARRY, COMMITTED TO SIGNING PRIOR TO RECEIVING THEM? When I have stated, I do not want them crossing my land (taking it down I-29 being a good alternative) they have deaf ears. When someone tells me I NEED to do it or it will cost me \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ and I clearly see their motives, I usually come to the conclusion that it's Self Serving..They are Public Relations Minded enough to THINK they can effectively Bully Small Town American's out of their land without dealing with the Public Utilities Commission first. It is my understanding that TransCanada does NOT yet have the legal right of eminent domain in South Dakota.

I am NOT willing to give them the right to enter my property, and if they do so with eminent domain who is liable for the damages now and in the future? They say they are not!! This land is rented for the income and who is going to reimburse for the nullified lease, or down time of production due to the intrusion of Keystone equipment and digging?? We already have an abandoned Rail-road easement that was sold to others while it was on our land, if it continues to go like this we could expect the land to disappear in easements!!!! This is Big Business at our Expense, so why is this allowed to happen?? Why are they not being (mandated) demanded to take this Pipeline down ( I-29) a path that can take care of the damages when they happen. To have them say nothing will ever happen is a Bold Faced Lie!! To have them insinuate we need to sign as they have power of condemnation is harassment.

As elected officials of South Dakota in control of the process of review of the TransCanada permit application, I request the Public Utilities Commission take action against TransCanada to stop the threatening bullying against we the landowners and taxpayers of South Dakota. I would appreciate your consideration of a formal complaint and an answering letter returned to me from the PUC and Attorney General verifying the action taken against TransCanada.

Please help us STOP TRANSCANADA from infringing on our rights to govern our own land. This is USA not foreign soil ( Canada), why should we come Second to Foreign business in our own country?? Do not our Rights stand for anything? Recently we had the Mid Dakota rural Water System, wanting to have an easement from the same land and sent the same documents that Keystone is now sending. I did not sign and expressed my desire that they put it in the ditch ( which was not their desire route), But they indeed did put it in the ditch passing my property, going on to the lands that approved their venture. This was the right thing to do!!!! So why does Keystone not hear us?? Money, Money, Money!!!!!! This is not just about this generation, it may never harm me and I could make a dollar now, but what is this doing for the future of the land and those who come after us. I live in a home on land which was just a few short years ago pasture land and now holds a community of 100's. If land in SD were ever sub divided for homes (if property owners desire) we would be Forever restricted by the Pipeline, limiting our ability and rights to do so, therefore limiting forever the worth of the property. This is our land and we have a VOICE. Think about More than the immediate gratification of their so called promises. Please Think long & hard of our South Dakotan's welfare before allowing something to happen that cannot be undone. Some have already been bullied to sign the easement while others are (simply) standing by until the decision is made by you our representatives as they are not Familiar with the Loss that will occur sooner or later to them or one of their neighbors, and by that time it is to Little to Late. Please Act on our behalf to Stop this Event from ever happening.

Sincerely,

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