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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities Commissioners
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners,
Testimony for FORMAL HEARING concerning TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE.

I stand opposed the building of the Transcanada Keystone Pipeline because TRANSCANADA hasn't convince me that our livelihood couldn't be destroyed by contamination of our land in case of an oil leak. This concerns me, not only for myself but also for future generations. I realize the country needs oil but we have worked hard to maintain and improve the quality of the land so it is possible to produce food for people. This is important also and the proposed pipeline may jeopardize that for us and others.

I feel also that we weren't offered much of a monetary value for the inconveniences they are expecting us to put up with for the rest of our lives.

We simply asked for this company to put these changes in the easement that they want us to sign but they refused to negotiate with us, in fact the gentleman reading our lawyers requests pretty much laughed at them.

Since we can't seem to get anywhere with them on our own, we are at the mercy of the PUC to protect us and other South Dakotans from a catastrophe waiting to happen. Our land is our life, we need it to make a living. Please don't let a foreign company force us to do something we feel this strongly against.

Respectfully,



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Landowner

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