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Commissioners Hanson, Kolbeck and Johnson Public Utilities Commission Capitol Bldg., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 500 East Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Marshall County, SD, I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed TransCanada pipeline that would potentially cross sensitive areas in our county.

I have real issue with how both OUR state government and TransCanada seem to ONLY be concerned with TransCanada's perspective of this project. There are credible witnesses who have substantiated that the areas crossed in northeastern South Dakota are dangerous, as they are a part of the water intake system that provides water for our area.

Why doesn't TransCanada consider moving the pipeline 25-30 miles east, and come across where the soil is of a much more conducive nature for supporting the pipeline, and for containment of any leakage? I can't help but believe that a minor re-route of 20-30 miles, in the course of this trans-America project, would be a deal breaker.

Please fully consider the impact that this project could cause... we are a major agriculture center, we need a viable water source without the threat of contamination. Please work for us, the residents of South Dakota.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

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