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In considering the Keystone XL Pipeline permit I believe that landowners rights need to be protected. Liability, reclamation, easements, and the possibility of oil spills are issues that Trans Canada Pipeline needs to address, as I believe they will.

The added taxes that the pipeline will create will benefit each county that it will go through. The added taxes will help to keep up roads in the county, help to pay teachers and county employees salaries, build schools, fund law enforcement and lower real estate taxes for all the tax payers in that county, adding money to our local economies. I know this will have a positive impact on all the counties it passes through.

As with all development, some of the citizens will have a greater burden than others. I know about this through the oil development in our county. I live in the oil field. It has not always been easy to deal with the damage caused by roads, oil well sights and extra traffic through our pastures. The good side of this oil development in our county though is the added taxes it has generated, the lower cost of electricity to all the patrons of Grand Electric, and jobs for our local people.

I believe the good that Keystone XL Pipeline can do for the State of South Dakota far outweighs the problems that many people assume it is going to create. I urge you to give the permit to The Keystone XL Pipeline project.

Robert Johnson