

PUC of South Dakota
Capitol Bldg, 1st Floor
500 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501 – 5070

March 24, 2015

RE: Proposed Dakota Access Pipeline

Docket: HP 14-002

We, Tom and Linda Shumaker, oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline. We own land in Humboldt Township in Minnehaha County. One parcel of our land is situated in the proposed route of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We have taken great pride in taking care of our land and watching over the crops we grow that feed our country. I, Tom, have lived on a farm all my life. My parents instilled good stewardship of the land, I have carried on, and we have children and grandchildren that have and are learning the importance of that.

Our Job is farming. It's not a temporary job. We have done it year in and year out. It is our lively hood. It is so much more than putting a seed in the ground and the harvest in the fall. It takes planning from one year to the next and looking ahead to future years. It is so much more than putting a seed in the ground and harvesting in the fall.

One of our greatest concerns is when a spill happens. It may not only contaminate the land the spill occurred on but those adjacent to the area. Who takes care of all the damage? How long before it is cleaned up? Who stands the cost? If there aren't enough funds do the tax payers take care of it and is that fair? Who stands the nonproductivity of this land for the time it would take to recover from such a disaster?

We do not feel the proper regulations are in place to protect the landowners, citizens and the environment of South Dakota from the damages that an occur as a result of the pipeline. As I've said before, farming is our livelihood, as it is for many along this proposed route. It is our full time job and we feel proper regulations need to bin in place to hold Dakota Access Pipeline and any parent companies accountable to the citizens and landowners of our state.

It is your duty to give in depth consideration to all persons along this route. Giving special thought to the landowners, citizens and environment of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Thomas L Shumaker

Linda Shumaker