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New Town, North Dakota 58763

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners Hanson, Nelson, and Fiegen:

I am writing to you to request you reject the Keystone XL Pipeline certification in docket HP14-001. The risks this pipeline and its construction pose to the health, safety, and security of South Dakota's water, land, and people are unacceptable. The final Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the State Department shows the pipeline is **expected** to leak at least ten times over the course of its lifetime. We are not willing to sacrifice and risk the Missouri River, the Ogallala Aquifer, our rural water systems, and our livelihoods for dirty tarsands oil. Moreover the construction of the pipeline puts rural communities at risk with the drastic influx of people, equipment, and traffic.

As a former domestic advocate in a Bakken community in North Dakota, I can personally give account to how man camps destroy community safety, general well being, puts an unnecessary burden on local law enforcement to consistently deal with resolving social conflicts, and a greater burden on the communities affected to be able to handle all the social and environmental consequences associated with pipeline construction. Tribal jurisdiction or state jurisdiction, the irreparable harm remains.

Please do not allow this permit. Please listen to the people. Not a foreign corporation.

For these reasons and more, reject Keystone XL.

Sincerely,

Cedar Gillette

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"The [whole-hearted] believed what made them vulnerable made them beautiful...vulnerability is kind of the core of shame and fear and our struggle for worthiness, but it appears that it is also the birthplace of joy, of creativity, of belonging, of love." -Brené Brown