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Subject: Permit

To the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing to tell you I strongly oppose the certification of the Keystone XL pipeline permit in South Dakota, and I am asking you to vote no.

No matter how they spin it, this is a BAD choice for South Dakota, for our people, livestock, water, and wild life. The risks are too high, the data shows the irreparable and inevitable damage that lies ahead if we allow this toxic pipeline to pass through our beloved State.

We have been called a "third world State that will follow a dollar straight to hell". This angers me and breaks my heart at the same time. And why? Because sadly, it is true. I'm asking you to stand up and say, "NO THANK YOU" loud and clear to this company of bullies and their toxic pipeline! Not now, not ever. Let them take the most direct route to the sea through their own country. We do not need to play the fool this time!

I'm proud to say I'm a born and raised South Dakotan. My roots run deep, as does my love for our State. And though we are not without our own struggles and issues, I always declare that we are one of the best kept secrets when it comes to a place to live, raise a family, and have a healthy natural outdoor lifestyle. As an adult I have lived coast to coast and abroad, but I CHOSE to come home, to make significantly less money, and pay higher taxes merely to live in the land I love.

Stand up, speak up, and say ABSOLUTELY NOT! We need you to rise and stand with all of us and protect our way of life not only for ourselves, but for our children, and the generations to come.

Thank you for your kind attention to my letter.

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