

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Comment for HP-14-200 Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear Commissioners,

As a former teacher at Canton High School, I know how critical is it for schools to find the revenues we need to provide our youth with a quality education. That's why I am providing these comments in favor of the Dakota Access Pipeline and its route through South Dakota.

We are fortunate that energy companies have found crude oil deposits in North Dakota and that Energy Transfer Partners wants to invest billions to transport oil through pipelines for processing. These pipelines are the most efficient and safest way to move the oil. This is not disputed – federal statistics are clear on this point. If you accept that we need energy to keep our economy afloat, then the clear best option is pipeline transport.

The states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois could receive as much as \$129 million a year in property and income taxes from this project. Our schools, quite frankly, need this kind of influx of revenue. So do our fire departments, police stations, and other public services.

Projects like this one – if completed safely and with our community's best interest in mind – represent the type of growth that keep our schools sound and funded, and help us to provide the education that our children deserve.

I urge you to realize the importance of these new revenues to our schools and communities. Please support the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Sincerely,



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