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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota, 57501

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

My name is Hannah Hoelscher. I was born in Sioux Falls, and spent the majority of my childhood in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Some of my most fond memories are those that take place at my grandparent's farm which is located near Tea. The farm dates back to the late 1800's and is a source of pride and countless memories for myself and my extended family. The land it sits on is beautiful, untouched South Dakota farm land. My family has worked hard to maintain and preserve the integrity of the farm and its surroundings.

My brother and I are the sole grandchildren, and will one day inherit this land. It is extremely important to me that I am able to preserve and enjoy the land in the way that my mother, her siblings, my grandparents, and their parents have done for so many years.

I am extremely upset by the recent revelations and series of events that is the Dakota Pipeline. It is shameful to think that such a project would even be considered, as the detrimental effects it will have on the land are not short term, but will impact this area for generations to come.

I am so proud of what my grandfather and our family have accomplished with this land. We are people of hardworking nature, and the farm is testimony to years of work put into the preservation of the land. It is wrong that the Dakota Pipeline think they can take advantage of all the hard working people of South Dakota, ruining what is rightfully ours, and has been for over a hundred years.

Please use your power to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline, preserve the beautiful land that makes up South Dakota, and save it so my children can one day have the same fond memories of the "farm" that I hold so very dear to my heart.

Thank You.

Sincerely a Proud South Dakotan,

Hannah M. Hoelscher