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Commissioner Chris Nelson, Commissioner Gary Hanson, and Acting Commissioner Rich Sattgast:

Dakota Access has given false promises to the citizens of South Dakota regarding tax revenue. They have not provided accurate written documentation of the proposed revenue. As with the overstated estimates from Keystone 1, Dakota Access is just trying to “sell” the pipeline to you, other SD elected officials and the citizens of South Dakota.

They will make BILLIONS and BILLIONS of dollars over the life of the pipeline. South Dakota is proposed to only receive \$13 million for the first year and then depreciated after that! UNBELIEVABLE!!! Don’t sell our state short. South Dakota DESERVES BETTER.

In your response letters, you state:

“The PUC is not involved in the easement acquisition process that occurs between applicants and landowners. Likewise, the PUC does not have a role in the eminent domain process, which is handled in the circuit court system. Landowners with concerns about these issues should seek advice from their personal attorney.”

The PUC is involved. *YOU are the ones that will make the decision regarding the permit of this hazardous and toxic pipeline. YOU do have a role in the eminent domain process. You can not pass the buck!* If you decide to grant this permit, it will be *YOUR decision that places the landowners in the eminent domain process. The landowners and the South Dakota citizens will then have to try to protect themselves against this ruthless giant, Dakota Access!!!*

Don’t give in to their false promises. Do what’s right for our state! Stand up and protect us! Deny the Dakota Access Pipeline!!!

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