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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed Dakota Access pipeline. I am a third generation South Dakotan that has deep roots in the oil and gas industry. My father purchased a bulk fuel and oil distributing company when I was a young man growing up in our great state. My father delivered oil and gas to farmers and businesses day in and day out for Standard Oil until he passed in 1988. He also owned and operated the Amoco service station just off I-29 in Beresford when I was in High School. I worked there for him delivering bulk oil and helping out around the shop.

I now work as an electronic technician for a company in South Dakota, I travel all over eastern South Dakota repairing and updating video lottery machines. I visit gas stations, truck stops, bars, etc everyday and have built a relationship with many owners and operators. As we have spoke over the years I know how hard it has become for them to make payroll and keep the lights on. I can't imagine passing up on an opportunity like the one that Dakota Access has presented.

I know these local gas stations, restaurants, casinos, etc would benefit greatly from this with the added labor force to our state. You have the chance to put our people that have been seeking jobs back into the workforce so they can feed their families and better afford the America Dream.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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