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Chairman Commissioner Chris Nelson

South Dakota PUC

Dear Commissioner Nelson:

As a concerned State Representative, a citizen, taxpayer, and a supporter of workforce development, I am always looking for ways to expand the tax base in ways that will not put new burdens on our citizens. Rarely do we as a state have the opportunity to increase revenue by simply approving a permit. However, that is what we can do by issuing the Dakota Access Pipeline permit.

If permitted by the PUC, Dakota Access Pipeline will bring in new tax revenue for the state, counties and school districts along the pipeline route. In addition, the construction of the pipeline will give thousands of various contractors, subcontractors and suppliers employment for several months. As a former vocational education instructor and working in different occupational fields, it is important to workforce development and employment in the state employing people in the areas of welders, utility workers, excavators, heavy equipment operators and a bevy of local services. Building the pipeline would have well paid jobs during the construction. The State of South Dakota would also have a boon of tax revenue from the "Contractors Excise Tax" and "Use and Sales Taxes" for all materials purchased in South Dakota to complete the project.

Following construction, schools would be able to count on increased tax revenue for generations. Utility companies would have a reliable, constant energy customer whose

electric consumption would be easy to gauge. Counties would have a business partner that provides taxes for roads and bridges, law enforcement along with other services.

Thank you for your service as PUC Chairman, and for taking account all the benefits which would come from approving the permit for the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Sincerely,

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