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

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As you read the final reply briefs and legal papers involved with the DAP, I would ask that you remember the citizens of South Dakota.

In the applicant's post-hearing brief, second paragraph of page 5, it mentions "five individual family groups and six tracts of land". The landowners represented included eight individual family groups and over eight tracts of land. This is one of the many misstatements used by DAP.

DAP continues to mislead you, the Commissioners, and the general public in regard to the number of landowners and citizens in opposition to the pipeline. My understanding is that you have never received a list of landowners involved so you could research that yourself. There has been no proof of the percentage of landowners that are in favor of the pipeline. Even if the landowners signed an easement, it does not mean that they are in favor.

Yet, this week, I continue to receive calls from landowners across the state that have been misled from the start. They call me because they are not allowed to call the Commissioners. They tell me of their concerns and the tactics used by DAP. They are afraid of what DAP will do to them and their property if they speak out. The landowners are concerned about how they and their property will be treated during and after the installation of the pipeline if it compares to how they are treated now.

In today's local advertisement prepared by DAP, a commitment to "making accommodations for individual landowners" is listed. The public continues to be misled.

I do not claim to understand every sentence of every legal paper involved with the permit process. But I do have compassion for our state and its citizens. I continue to have great concern for the landowners who are treated like ants being stomped on by a big foot with a large checkbook. Please remember that PEOPLE MATTER.

Thank you for your time and service.

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Chancellor, SD
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