Public Service Commission

500 E Capital Ave.

Pierre, SD 5701

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I am writing you to express our opposition to running the proposed SCS pipeline through our property located in Kingsbury County South Dakota.

We feel there are alternative routes available that would primarily use public and non-profit lands and land owners that are willing to voluntarily sell an interest in their land, to achieve the goal of SCS.

In our situation our family has owned our land for approximately 100 years. We have owned the land through recessions, depressions, wars, floods, drought and all kinds of market conditions and have always complied with the laws governing our land ownership. This land that we have valued and protected, as best we could, through all these years. It is a family legacy. And we feel it is up to us if we dilute our ownership and not by outside forces.

All the possible impacted land owners for this project will possibly be forced, by law, to allow SCS to take a portion of their ownership privileges. We have all seen over the last two years how government can take away our rights. We do not want this project to result in yet another example of a take away for those who do not want to voluntarily participate. Why should we have to incur substantial legal fees to retain our ownership rights when we have been long-term good citizens and taxpayers? Government and certain large non-profits have substantial legal teams paid for by taxpayers and by donors. Large businesses that have legal teams and pay for them through profits. That puts a small landowner at a considerable disadvantage and with no guarantee of a victory even after repeated appeals. And furthermore, this can be repeated time and time again by outside parties that want access to our property.

If there are people that want to willingly give up a part of their land, for this pipeline, that is their right and their decision would not be contested. Likewise, respect our right to decline participation.

Assuming that the current science on climate change is the final word on the issue and if government is so certain that it won't change, let government use their huge land ownership to provide access to projects like the one we are discussing today.

Our land has been used for farming for the entire time it has been owned by our family. You might say we can continue to farm the land. However, it would no longer be solely our land.

Thank you for listening and your consideration.

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