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March 23, 2022

Public Utility Commissioners
500 E Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Public Utility Commissioners:

I am writing individually to express my opposition to the proposed CO2 pipeline by SCS Carbon Transport, LLC. As a county commissioner in Minnehaha County, I was able to benefit from the information presented by the applicant to the full Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners. When the applicant made the initial presentation to the Commission, I had not yet formed any strong opinions on this particular proposed project or on transmission of CO2 through pipelines in general. However, since that initial presentation, I did more research and I listened to the concerns expressed by my constituents in Minnehaha County. The result of that additional review is that am opposed to this proposed pipeline and opposed to the transmission of waste products through Minnehaha County.

In addition to my role as a County Commissioner, I am also on the county Minnehaha County Planning and Zoning Commission. In that role, I am required to consider not only what is beneficial to the any given applicant but also what is the best usage for the land, what is best for the surrounding property owners/neighbors, and what is best for Minnehaha County. Applying those considerations to this proposed project leaves me with the following conclusions:

- This proposed project is bad for the land: this type of excavation permanently damages the land - crops will not prosper.
- This proposed project will restrict or prevent future residential, agricultural and commercial development along and adjacent to the proposed pipeline route.
- Any limited/short-term economic benefit to the County is outweighed by the long-term detriments to the County. It appears that the true long-term economic benefits accrue only to the applicant and allow it to harvest Federal tax credits.
- This proposed project could endanger residents of Minnehaha County - a documented leak in Mississippi injured people there.
- Long term training and equipment needs to be required for area first responders. Leaks or even catastrophic failure of the pipeline will be an ongoing danger during and long after installation.



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The bottom line for this proposed project is: bad for the land, bad for the people, no lasting economic reason to do it. Therefore, I respectfully request the Public Utilities Commission deny SCS Carbon Transport, LLC's application and not allow this project to move forward.

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