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We wish to express our opposition to the CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline. My name is Jodi Waltman and my husband and I farm and ranch in McPherson county, and while the pipeline does not run on our land it goes through my parent's farm north of Leola, and on the land I grew up on. The pipeline also runs on land two of my brothers farm and on many of my friend's and neighbor's lands.

We are all very concerned ~~and~~ with many things about this pipeline and do not want it in our county or our state.

One concern, of course, is the safety of this hazardous material running at high pressure close by homes and towns at only a depth of 3-4 feet. (see pic)

Should a leak or rupture occur Summit says it is safe and will dissispate into the air according to their "modeling". The politicians working for and promoting the



pipeline say you just drive away and call 911. This is not true as CO<sub>2</sub> displaces oxygen in the air and car engines don't run without oxygen, not to mention what would then happen to people and animals.

A recent webinar told the horrifying story of the Sartartia, M.S. rupture Feb. 2020 where many people in the area were overcome by the gas cloud and nearly died and suffer serious, debilitating, long-term health problems still today. When asked about this particular event at a recent meeting, Jimmy Powell, Chief Operating Officer of Summit Carbon said, "no one was injured in that incident." He was lying.

We are also concerned that Summit is threatening eminent domain. Much to our dismay, we have learned our eminent domain laws in S.D. are very weak and efforts to strengthen them this past legislative session failed because our representatives are more worried about economic development than private property rights guaranteed to us in the constitution.

It has been disturbing to me to see my elderly parents having to deal with undue stress caused by this pipeline and that it is being forced upon them. My parents have lived on and farmed their land for nearly 50 years. It is a part of them and what they



will leave to their children, and to have this pipeline invade their land puts a sick feeling in my stomach.

It is not right that a private company thinks they have the right to ~~invade~~ other people's property based on a "made-up" crisis which says we need to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the air, which is an essential plant nutrient our crops and grasses need to grow; all while collecting billions of our tax dollars to do it. It is outrageous!

The easements Summit is offering landowners are insulting and a joke. They are written to favor the pipeline and to give them every advantage. They are written to where Summit pretty much owns and controls the easement land without paying for it; only a little, something for damages is offered. You <sup>also</sup> have no say in what part of your land they take and, what land they claim, is forever, to the end of time. They can even sell the easement to another country or govt. China anyone?

Regarding the ethanol plants signed up for this, I believe they are capitulating to a trap that will bring about their own demise. Jim Seurer, CEO of Glacial Lakes Ethanol, (Mina S.D.), pointed this out at a recent meeting when he said that the people pushing the net-zero carbon ideology want to ultimately



eliminate corn as he said it is a "dirty" crop to them and they want to see the entire midwest returned to grass.

And, I might add, according to the U.N. Agendas pushed on the governments of the world, they want to put solar panels and wind mills on millions of acres of the midwest. The goal to be "all electric" will make ethanol and carbon capture pipelines all for naught. Of course, we can't capitulate to these globalist agendas that are really about tyranny and control.

Summit Carbon is an opportunist. This pipeline is based on a lie. It's all about big government politicians making deals with big business to line each other's pockets with our tax dollars while threatening eminent domain and leaving us with the fear of what could happen if it leaks or ruptures while also proclaiming to the citizens how good it will be for economic development.

This is greed at its worst. It must not be allowed and we ask you to NOT grant this permit.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Rob and Jodi Waltman