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Hello, and good afternoon, Commissioners!

Even though I'm not a rural resident (I live in Sioux Falls) of this state, I just had to email you to state "Well done!" The public was served very well with your unanimous vote yesterday.

You know, people have no problem with business and legitimate business. Insofar as they're conducted with good rules, transparency and not high-handed tactics. I realize Navigator has been somewhat better than Summit, but, still, as Commissioner Nelson mentioned: "There are some things more important than \$."

You know, Commissioners, we've come a long way (ever since the **disastrous KELO V. New London** decision of the Supreme Court in 2005) from the actual wording and meaning of the 5th Amendment (don't get me started on civil asset forfeiture, either), but you've gone a PART of the way to taking a step back towards what we used to call "First Principles." **Let this continue!!**

The Midwest can and will do better as a whole when it becomes more free-*market* rather than merely "business"-friendly; they are NOT the same. Oh, how I wish that mentality would penetrate some of our legislators, and not a few folks in the Executive branch as well.

But, in any event, remember this: you've probably received more emails congratulating you on this than probably any other event, and you can imagine it'll be the same with the next pipeline decision. All I can advise, as your fellow citizen in this great state, is that if the US (as well as the state's) Constitution means anything, and the 5th Amendment means anything, and if our state motto **actually** means what it reads, and if you wish to continue to serve the *broad populace* of the people of this state, rather than special interests,.....continue on in deciding things LIKE this that you did yesterday. You will have the good wishes of your fellow citizens **each and every time,** and you can count on that!

Blessings, and thanks again!

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