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Dear South Dakota Utilities Commission

We hear a lot about the benefits of carbon dioxide pipelines and storage, but there are significant detriments that the public is not aware of. For me, risks currently outweigh the pipeline usage. Below are some of my questions and reasons for not wanting development of a carbon dioxide pipeline.

I strongly believe that there has not been enough research, testing and proof that the pipeline would be durable, safe, managed, repaired and removed when no longer usable. I also believe that if eminent domain takes place the land owners will not be properly or completely compensated for their loss of control and risks that must be assumed.

My biggest concern is the use of eminent domain.

My family owns land that the pipeline investors want to use. The family has been told that tiling will be replaced and they would be reimbursed for the loss of income in the year of construction. There have been no other promises to pay for any repair caused by pipeline damage, removal of the pipeline when no longer needed, payment for loss in property usage, payment for loss of property value, reimbursement for loss of income caused by the pipeline damage, paying for any medical costs related to emissions, or continuing compensation for use and control over the property.

I believe the value of the land is reduced as the pipeline area can not be used for future development, whether commercial or residential. I believe there is a risk of loss in land usage if the pipeline moves or loses stability. I know there will come a day with the pipeline will no longer be usable and letting the pipeline continue; if not removed, the property will loose more usability and value. What can truly be done to remove the very significant risks that the landowner must endure?

The pipeline would need to go over or under the Big Sioux River and other waterways. What assurance is there that emission would not damage property, irrigation, recreation, residential area, individual's health and wildlife? There is flooding, ice, land erosion and other conditions that could impair the strength of the pipeline. There are underground water sources that could also be impacted. Is there true proof that emissions can be controlled, reliability of pipeline sustainability, and support for any damages loss of water usage? Who would finance recovery?

Eminent domain does not serve a local purpose, it provides benefits to those investing in the project.

There are health issues and even death to individuals and animals that inhale CO2. Are all individuals aware of these risks?

There is no reliable proof that the pipeline will be used for climate control. It could be used to enhance oil recovery and extending the life of coal-fired plants. These are not climate control activities.

Please support the South Dakota land owners in their fight to retain all of their property rights and stop eminent domain.

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