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Subject: [EXT] Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline - Docket #HP22-001

To the SD PUC,

We are sending this email to express our opposition to the pipeline project proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS). Our opposition is manyfold, starting with the tactics that this company is using trying to gain access to our land and flat out lying to our face about neighbors signing easements when they really haven't signed anything. Their comments in the news are very misleading to say the least. This is not a company we want to place our trust in for the future that this pipeline would be well maintained and that they will take care of problems when they arise, and they will arise at some point. When there is a problem, there is a real question as to who is going to be held liable.

We are not experts on pipelines or the legal process to get a permit or an easement for the pipeline. We do know that a pipeline running 4 feet in the ground at 120 degrees is not going to raise a crop most years in this area, and it will interfere with spring access to a field that this pipeline crosses. We know from firsthand experience that no matter how good the contractor is, they will never get our soil back the way it was or should be. We don't have deep topsoil here, and there is a big problem with alkaline soils. If that soil is disturbed, it will not produce for decades and they are "generously" offering us a declining crop damage clause for the first three years....WHAT A JOKE!!!! We know that this project has many inherent dangers to life and property. It is not a project for the good of all, but a project that will line the pockets of those who started it. Why should they be given access to our land when we oppose it so that they can benefit? None of this would even matter if there weren't so many tax dollars being thrown at projects like this and giving the investors a very quick turn around of their dollars. We are supporters of the ethanol industry, but we feel there has to be a better way to accomplish the goals of this whole project than laying waste to so many acres of good producing soil.

There are many politicians that are acting as lobbyists for this project. Our politicians are supposed to work for us, the people, and when we are opposed to a private project that is going to benefit a few and not for the good of the country, they should listen to us and not allow this project to go forward. It's just not right!!!

Thank you for listening, and we hope you will agree with us and not grant SCS a permit to place a pipeline in South Dakota.

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