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My name is Clara Hockstedler (The Hockstedler Family Trust). I live in Houston Texas. I am an absentee land owner in Spink County South Dakota. I have five quarters of agriculture land that would be crossed by the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline. Three quarters would be substantially affected while two would only have small corners impacted. I have several comments. First, I live in Houston Texas less than a mile from several pipelines sharing easements. Why couldn't Summit Carbon Solutions use, share, an existing route such as the Dakota Access Pipeline? Perhaps the pipeline could follow along Interstate 29 North and Interstate 94 West. Second, most of the carbon to be captured comes from Iowa. Why is it necessary to cause immediate and long term damage to South Dakota land and crops? At least one other pipeline company, Navigator Ventures, is seeking permission to build a carbon transportation pipeline that does not go through hundreds of miles in South Dakota. Several pipeline companies are applying in different states to capture, move and sequester the same carbon dioxide. Third, we should not deny climate is changing; but carbon capture is only a small part of the solution. Does carbon capture, transportation and sequestration cause more problems than it solves? Not only are land owners affected by the pipeline, but so are their neighbors. There always some safety risks. Fourth, these pipelines are taking advantage of federal government tax incentives. We the taxpayers are paying for them even if they fail! Generally these incentives have been used to keep coal alive and benefit oil and gas producers by sequestering CO2 in North Dakota Bakken oil fields. Isn't that a strange way to slow down climate change?! One last comment concerns eminent domain. Once an owner signs, the easement remains even if the project does not go forward. I think we need to think long and critically before agreeing to the application Summit Carbon Solutions is asking from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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