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Our ancestors homesteaded in Hutchinson County in 1875. Our great-grandpa purchased our farm in 1919 and moved to Sully County. Much has changed agriculturally over the last century. We have implemented no-till farming techniques in the last 25 years that have greatly enhanced our soil structure. Our soil's organic matter has improved, increasing our production, building our moisture holding capacity, and preventing wind and water erosion. The pipeline will damage at least 100' by 2 miles, displacing and disturbing our soil's ecosystem layers through the middle of some of our most productive farmland.

It is extremely difficult to purchase land. We have had to save money. We have had to wait for land to come up for sale that we would like to purchase for our farm. We have then had to bid enough at an auction to successfully obtain the land. My great-grandpa, grandpa, dad and brothers sacrificed and worked hard for over 100 years to piece together a contiguous, productive acreage of land in eastern Sully County. There were no get rich quick expectations. There were years of plenty, and years of drought. There was risk, patience and perseverance, growing the farm when we could. We are here for the long haul, members of the community, paying taxes and investing to progressively help move the area forward where we can. We are now transitioning to a fifth generation to carry on our family legacy. We are customers of and investors in Ringneck Energy, and desire nothing but success for their business and the ethanol industry. We trusted Ringneck Energy to be independently successful 6 years before Summit Carbon Solutions showed up.

In late August of 2021, we received a letter from Summit Carbon Solutions with maps plotting a pipeline through the middle of our farm. We had never heard of them or anything about this project. They are multi-billion dollar, multinational companies, investors, well-connected lobbyists and politicians with power. They don't have to wait for the land they need for the pipeline to come up for sale. They don't have to go to auction and compete to purchase the land. They have very little risk with a lucrative federal carbon subsidy to virtually guarantee return on investment at the expense of the American taxpayer. They say that their goal is to obtain voluntary easements, yet insult the land owner with a per acre offer of approximately 35% of the most recent auction sale price of the actual land the pipeline is crossing. We would be more than willing to meet and show you the so-called "fairness" of Summit Carbon's easement offer.

We utilize fiber optic cable from Venture Communications, water from Mid Dakota, and electricity from Oahe Electric. All of these utilities run along the edges of our land and are critical for the operation of our farm. The Summit Carbon pipeline will run through the middle of our fields. We will have to endure bouncing over the pipeline trench at 18 mph with a sprayer every pass across our field, and worry about our safety when a 40 ton grain cart gets stuck in saturated fields like we had in 2019. Summit Carbon Solutions provides no ability or reason for us connecting to the pipeline. Carbon dioxide is not a commodity or service that will be used to benefit us or the public. It is a hazardous material being piped hundreds of miles to be hidden in North

Dakota. Summit states there is not a "use" for the carbon dioxide other than sequestration at this time. We propose that if a product doesn't have a use, it is "useless", and not worthy of the money spent or disruption caused to thousands of South Dakotans by this whole project. Someone in the chain of authority in South Dakota needs to put an end to this folly and preserve the private property rights of the people who steward the land, pay the taxes and live in our communities.

We respectfully request that the SDPUC deny Summit Carbon Solution's pipeline application.

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