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**To:** [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us)  
**Subject: RE: Summit's Midwest Carbon Express**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that I have absolutely no interest in any carbon dioxide pipe on my land in Kingsbury or Miner County. I have been called and badgered by this company for approval to survey and I adamantly said absolutely NOT.

I have worked hard for years to adequately prepare this ground for farming. Any disturbance would ruin this work and damage production long term. This land is rocky as heck and I have hired mechanical rock pickers, hand rock pickers and excavators, to pick and dig giant holes in the ground to dispose and cover rocks. Deep tillage is not possible on this ground because it brings up rocks again and again. The rocks get in the way and cause damage to equipment and require a lot of expense to remove permanently. A 50 foot swath of easement would dig up another 50 years of rock picking. Further, pipeline construction causes soil compaction and topsoil displacement, which Iowa State Research, has shown to cause significant crop yield loss. There is no benefit to my land or to my renter to allow any easement. Paying for crop damage is nothing compared to the long term effects of rocks being dug and spread across the fields, again, for years.

I don't believe a single reason for this project.

We know it takes fossil fuels to produce ethanol and that ethanol is more about having a market for corn than it is about clean energy or a long term solution to climate crisis. There is nothing green about it...these are hazardous liquid carbon pipelines. Leaked carbon dioxide is an invisible asphyxia, posing a threat to all living along the pipeline path.

Carbon should be collected from more long term industries such as steel or jet fuel production. The future is more geared towards electric cars and solar and wind power, not ethanol. Carbon uses 20% more energy and directs taxpayer money away from real climate solutions, such as solar and wind energy.

No private business should be pushing anything on farmers and landowners. How would they feel if we wanted to put a pipe in the backyards of their properties? With government tax credits, this is only a short term fix with a small impact and it only kicks the can down the road. It's a get rich scheme with benefits to investors only.

I am retired and live off the income from this land. My children and grandchildren will inherit it and will care for it like my Dad did. Again, I want NOTHING to do with this get rich scheme that has no long term benefit for me. I solidly reject it and I don't think it's good for South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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