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I have attended several of the pipeline meetings with the PUC over past couple weeks. It is evident that the opposition is the dominant voice at all these gatherings. The PUC should listen to the voice of the landowners and deny Summit their permit. IF the PUC gives Summit their permit, then Summit can go ahead and declare eminent domain to take the land needed for their pipeline, which will produce vast sums of income for the owners of Summit (not the landowners who would suffer all the risk).

A few of the things that stuck out to me is the continued use of bullying tactics by the company to try and get landowners to sign easements, along with the false information that changes every time you talk to them. Just the other day I was in Redfield filling up with fuel and one of the people that works for Summit was talking about how they cant believe people would be against it as it would enable the oil to push out twice as much oil from the wells, but Summit denies this is what they carbon will be used for. Who do we believe, nothing is as it seems with these people. They care about one thing, and that is getting this line in as quickly as possible to maximize the income no matter the outcome for the landowners. All pipelines leak eventually, especially placing this in some of the salty ground around Mansfield, SD where a steel tpost might only last few years before it is eaten away. They have not done their homework and the required research to pull this off safely. The safety is an after thought to this company.

One of the gentleman that spoke at the meeting in Aberdeen talked about how this is no more risk than riding a tractor. That couldn't be anymore untrue. It is a choice to get in a tractor and drive it, a choice to go in that pen and take care of the cows. Having this pipeline running across the yard of our farms in not a choice, it is a risk being thrust upon us, that we do not want. The landowners are the ones who bear all risk on this project. They have spoken and made known it is not wanted anywhere near our properties. I have children that play in the yard that would be less than 500 feet from the 20inch diameter pipe (3 foot 6 foot deep, who knows (Summit doesn't even have an idea)), with the proposed pressure of 2100 psi a leak would be incomprehensible. The volume of hazardous material that would fill the area would be a mile wide radius over 10 foot deep. My kids and any other living thing would be dead. Nothing would stand a chance, but this is brushed off by Summit, the dollars mean more. I ask you to think about if this was in your farmyard, going past your house where your kids and grandkids play. Would you want that risk, that unnecessary risk only to make other private citizens a ton of money. Do your research, do not rely on Summit's figures and their information, as we have shown that this information cannot be trusted. I oppose this pipeline.

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