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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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**COMMENT ON:**

**Decision to overrule county zoning officials on behalf of Navigator CO<sub>2</sub> Ventures**

Dear Members of the Public Utilities Commission:

We begin with expression of our gratitude for all you do to make accessible the public utilities we have come to depend on. May we never take for granted the ways you ensure that accessibility.

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Aberdeen, South Dakota have been residents of South Dakota since before the creation of the state. We deeply care about the people of this state and their land and all of our natural resources. "Justice is our Work," is our mantra. Biblical justice mandated that all be in right relationship—people with their God, people with each other, humanity with all of creation. We believe that the voices of those impacted by the pipeline can register their concerns more effectively at the local, county level. As more information is gathered, the right and just decision follows. Therefore, we **ask you to vote NO to overturn county zoning decisions on the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline.**

Sincerely,

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