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PUC Board Members,

I am writing, like so many others, in regards to the proposed CO2 Pipeline in South Dakota. After reading what happened in Satartia, Mississippi, it amazes me that any CO2 pipeline would still be considered for any location. The consequences of a pipeline leak, which will happen, are well known, catastrophic, and long lasting. Safety and the lives and livelihood of those who live anywhere near a pipeline do not seem to be a concern when considering this pipeline. I live within one mile of its proposed location.

In 1876 my ancestors homesteaded here, where I now live, and my family has lived and farmed here ever since. Every generation has poured its heart and soul into making this farm sustainable for the next generation. The family who now rents and cares for my land does the same. This is my livelihood. This is my renter's livelihood. We are farmers. These are our lives spent on the land we love. Putting that pipeline through would destroy the livelihood, the land, the crops, and the lives of the people who live in any area the pipeline would be near.

I cannot imagine that anyone would want to destroy the farmers, and that is exactly what this would do.

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