

Letter of Support for South Dakota's Ethanol & Agriculture Industry

RE: Docket HP24-001 Application for a Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline

To the Honorable South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners.

Unfortunately, those opposing the pipelines are ignoring the fact that killing this project will cost our state billions of dollars in ag production, plant and pipeline construction, low carbon ethanol and sustainable aviation fuel production, along with thousands of jobs and the opportunity to position ourselves at the leading edge of biofuel and energy production.

Agriculture is the backbone of our state's economy. According to Protect South Dakota's Ag Future, South Dakota farmers produce nearly 800 million bushels of corn annually, contributing \$4.3 billion to our state's economy. Over 60% of the corn grown in our state is used in the production of ethanol.

A global movement towards reducing carbon emissions presents opportunities and challenges to our ethanol industry. Ethanol-based sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) can be used by airlines in their effort to become more carbon neutral. With limited alternatives to power today's modern aircraft, SAF is expected to make up most emissions reductions for the aviation industry. South Dakota is expected to be a major source for SAF upon completion.

At the same time, more markets are passing laws requiring low carbon for fuels purchased in their state. This means our state's ethanol producers cannot sell to the largest markets in America without carbon capture. This makes carbon sequestration projects vital to the future of our ethanol industry and to South Dakota agriculture.

Over the past couple of years, South Dakota's carbon pipeline projects have been met with opposition. This opposition has put these projects - and others similar - in jeopardy of shutting down or being relocated out of state.

More than half of our state's corn crop, grown for ethanol production, could lose its market for sale. This loss will devastate our ag economy, our rural communities and South Dakota's future economic development.

The choice is ours. I ask that you please support the carbon pipeline as we need this for all of South Dakota. Losing the carbon pipeline will damage our ag economy, cost our state billions, and hurt every South Dakotan. Let's not make a huge mistake. We need your support!

Sincerely,
Glacial Lakes Corn Processors Shareholder