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Subject: [EXT] PUC Docket # HP24-001 (SCS Carbon Transport, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline)

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed CO2 pipeline project in South Dakota, and the use of eminent domain to facilitate these initiatives. I believe that this pipeline poses significant environmental, economic and social risks, and its construction would set a dangerous precedent for the misuse of private land.

Firstly, CO2 pipelines pose serious safety concerns. In the event of a rupture, the sudden release of concentrated carbon dioxide can create a hazardous zone, displacing oxygen and endangering nearby communities, livestock, and wildlife. South Dakota's rural landscape, with its vast agricultural and residential areas, makes it particularly vulnerable to the harmful consequences of a pipeline failure.

Moreover, allowing eminent domain for private, for-profit ventures undermines the rights of South Dakota landowners. Eminent domain was intended for projects that serve a clear public benefit, such as roads and utilities. CO2 pipelines, which primarily benefit private corporations, do not meet this standard. Forcing landowners to surrender their property for such projects disregards the hard work, heritage and livelihoods tied to this land. I believe that South Dakotans should not bear the burden of corporate interests that do not provide tangible benefits to our state or its citizens.

I urge you to stand with the people of South Dakota in opposing CO2 pipelines and the use of eminent domain for their construction. Protecting our land, rights, and future generations is a responsibility we must uphold. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce J. Grenz