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I am a 24-year-old 6th-generation farmer who strongly opposes Summit's proposed CO2 pipeline. The proposed pipeline would cross my family's land and be less than a mile from my home. My biggest concern is the safety of the pipeline. While there has been much debate and Summit claims it is perfectly safe, after doing my own research I believe that the pipeline would be very hazardous. I am especially concerned with the long-term safety of the pipeline. Being as young as I am, lord willing I will be farming and living in this area for many years to come, and hopefully one day my kids will also be doing the same. Since CO2 pipelines are relatively new there is no way of knowing the effects of them being in the ground for 10, 15, 20, or 30 years. There no doubt will be weakening of the high pressure pipe after those long periods of time, thus decreasing safety. Summit has shown to be very dishonest so far in their business dealings and I fear that as time goes on the likelihood of their current dishonesty leading to a catastrophe will increase exponentially. My other major concern is the effects of allowing this private company to use eminent domain for private gain. This gross abuse of eminent domain would set a precedent that would lead to constant attacks on private property rights for many years to come. Even if one chooses to buy into the lie that this pipeline is a necessity to save ethanol and will increase the value of corn, I feel strongly that all the risks associated with this project do not outweigh the potential benefits. I would much rather prioritize my safety and property rights and sacrifice potentially getting a few more dollars in my pocket. This past November, 60% of South Dakotans agreed and voted against this project as they voted no on RL 21, and I ask the commission to listen to the will of the citizens and deny this project.