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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

My name is Jim Klebsch, I am a fifth-generation farmer in Spink County near Redfield.

As a farmer, I have spent my life growing my family farm and my community. Being a good steward of the land is crucial. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously. Farming is a legacy business; I farm for the generations to come after me. The practices I implement on my farm will have a lasting effect on the condition of the land that I leave for my son. For our farm to succeed and be successful, it is necessary to keep learning and look for opportunities to do better.

I support my small community by shopping locally when I can. However, it is increasingly difficult for Redfield and the rest of these rural communities to economically sustain themselves. A quick drive down Main Street of Redfield and so many other small towns in rural South Dakota will provide evidence of that.

I support Summit Carbon Solutions and the pipeline. They too are looking towards the future. The impact of climate change is undeniable, and this project is good for our environment. In addition, the economic impact it will have on our communities is great and an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

I have attended Commission meetings and have listened to the feedback, much of which has been negative and that is unfortunate. There is so much misinformation shared and exaggerated people fear what they do not understand. I know there are many more people who support the pipeline project that did not attend these same Commission meetings as over 70% of the easements they needed have been signed.

The fact is Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota have approved the pipeline to go through their states. I am sure they were faced with the same concerns for their constituents and the concerns of their constituents as you have for the people of South Dakota, and they felt the pipeline project should pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Klebsch