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To: SD PUC, HP 24-001

My name is Jason Pazour. I am an affected landowner along the proposed route. I am against the pipeline being sighted and permitted. I am one of the landowners who Summit claims supports their project by signing an easement. My family and I signed after being threatened with eminent domain. The original route was to be 500 feet away from my parents' house. After months and months of telling them to move if further away that we didn't feel safe with it that close they finally agreed to move it back to 1500 feet and that is as far as we could get them to go. After consulting with our attorney, we were advised that if we didn't take this offer, we would most likely be sued under eminent domain for Summit's preferred route which would have only been 500 feet away from the house. After much thought we signed the easement just to have it set back as far as possible. Shortly after we signed Summit filed eminent domain on landowners in South Dakota. I know our names would have been on that list if we wouldn't have signed and we would have been dealing with the route at only 500 feet from residence. I have had Summit representatives sit in my house and tell me they don't believe they have to follow any local or state laws and only are going to follow the national sighting guidelines. Their blatant disregard for State and local jurisdiction baffles me. Even you as a commission have seen their lack of respect for your authority. In their current permit they have made no attempt at following local and state guidelines. They have made no attempt through landowner interactions to even try to follow setbacks that were lawfully put in place to protect residents. They have disregarded public safety over convenience and monetary incentives to themselves. As a concerned landowner who has to live in proximity to this proposed pipeline, I can't understand why I am not allowed to see the plume modeling. My family and neighbors are the ones possibly in danger why is it their privileged information on the possible danger of the pipeline. I am a huge supporter of ethanol and an investor in ethanol plants. Ethanol will survive and thrive without this pipeline. 2024 was a very profitable year for many plants even though some spent up to \$800,000 on a failed political campaign. This pipeline serves no public good, it is a way to milk tax credits. South Dakota tax payers will not only pay taxes to fund the national tax credits so Summit's private investors can pocket the money. We will deal with the dangerous and harming after effects of a pipeline put in across the state. It will put extra cost and training on EMT and firefighters. Their route puts schools and retirement communities at risk. Many landowners like myself will have to deal with the dangers of the pipeline but also the harm to the ground of putting the pipeline in. Our water resources will be strained as the massive amount of water will be needed at each injection site. Our electrical grid and usage will be further strained as well. All for what, to possibly secure some naturally occurring CO2 underground, that might not stay put, so some rich billionaires and foreign countries can skim off tax payer dollars. Thank you for your time, Again I am a landowner who signed an easement under threat of eminent domain and has had to deal with Summit but I am not a supporter.

Thank you, Jason Pazour

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