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We take pride in being an Agricultural State. My family has worked the land for over a hundred years. The original homestead is still in the family. We have survived the Great Depression, the dust bowl years, and storms.

Whoever thought we would have to fight a billionaire Corporation to keep the rights to our own land? Summit has no idea the blood, sweat, and tears shed for the land. All they see is money.

This is not just another pipeline. It has the potential to kill. For instance, if a waterline brakes you have a muddy mess. If an oil line leaks, you have an oily mess. If a natural gas blows, it could be a fiery mess. But if a CO2 pipeline ruptures, the contents turn to a vapor that is heavier than air. It would travel along the ground and would suffocate any living, breathing man or animal that gets in its path. If this were to happen at night, many people could suffocate in their sleep. The cloud can reach for miles.

Has this ever happened with a CO2 pipeline before? Check out Satarsha Mississippi. Go to SDnotforsale then go to MFQ Has there ever been a rupture? It happened a couple miles out of Town before people want

to bed. About 50 people were effected. Some with permanent lung damage. Summit does a fine job making this hazardous pipeline look like a great thing, but they will not bring up any of the warning signs.

I live in Huron with an ethanol plant on the west end of town. We know that the line will connect to it. If a rupture occurred here I know we would not be prepared. I don't want to think about what the body count would be. All this risk for money.

I am also concerned about the rights of the land owners and local governments. Summit has shown very little respect for their rights. If insurance companies know about the pipeline going through their land, ether the rates go ski high or the company will not insure them.

In November, the voters had spoken. Sixty per sent said no to the CO2 pipeline. They put you on the PUC to represent them and be their voice. As I see it , it's landowner's rights and public safety VS. money.

Sincerely,

James A Schmidt