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**Subject:** [EXT] Midwest Carbon Express Pipeline

Hey,

I want to oppose the Midwest Carbon Express Pipeline for about a thousand reasons. Greed for 45Q federal tax dollars is what is driving the need for this and similar pipelines.

We need more CO2 not less. We don't need to waste valuable water cooling useless pumps. We don't need to restrict rights for landowners.

Here's a very recent piece from the CO2 Coalition. I would suggest reaching out

to them for guidance. Also, the state of SD should immediately step away from the Western States carbon neutral alliance.

Recent studies have been published that allege that the 50% increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution (later 1700s) are attributable mostly or entirely to nature. In other words, they are adding huge amounts of a gas to the atmosphere won't increase the concentration of that gas in the atmosphere.

In our latest research publication, our team of researchers used seven separate lines of evidence to confirm that the increase from 280 parts-per-million (ppm) to our current level of 420 ppm are primarily from human emissions of this beneficial molecule. The use of fossil fuels saved plant life on earth.

One compelling and easily understood line of evidence is the Mass Balance. We know fairly accurately how much CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted every year by our activities and know very accurately the concentration in the atmosphere. Using this, our team found that only about half of our emissions are showing up in the atmosphere. That means that nature is sequestering the other 50%, primarily by increased photosynthesis ("Greening") and most of the rest by the oceans.

All the best and Merry Merry,

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