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**Subject:** [EXT] HP24-001

Re: Summit Carbon Solutions HP24-001

Commissioners and State of South Dakota:

I am a landowner in Iowa, directly impacted and threatened by the Summit Carbon pipeline. It would bisect my property. There is no way I could get from one end to the other without crossing the pipeline twice.

My property has a lovely hill, the slope of which overlooks a river. It is primarily mature timber and includes a creek. I received the initial letter from Summit in 2021, announcing their plan to save the world from big bad CO2 by sequestering it in ND. To get to that point, they would cross my land. WHAT????

This project has put the brakes on a large project my husband and I had planned for our property. We WERE going to build a new home on that hill, so we could have great views of the river, the wildlife – deer, turkey, geese, eagles, pheasant, many other “critters” . We planned to enjoy the quiet, the wind through the trees, the sounds of the river running over nearby ripples.

Then came the letter. Then we eventually got a map....and the pipe easement would be less than 50 feet from where we wanted to build.

This would've been an estimated \$350,000 project for us, adding revenue to the county's property tax base, adding expenditures for construction materials (as well as septic, etc) and adding work for construction crews. All would have gone to the local economy.

Summit ruined all those plans.

We will not take the risk of building or living THAT CLOSE to a highly-pressurized hazardous material. Additionally, Summit has “promised” to bore under the mature timber “with no surface disruption”. However, in their response to the Iowa Utilities Board (now IUC) conditional permit order, Summit says they will *sever* the roots – that's their way of “no surface disruption”!!

This is a private company. This is not a utility. It is not a common carrier, as supported by your own Supreme Court. This is not for public use or convenience, or whatever other kind of spin they try to put on it. The REAL and sole purpose of this project is to harvest billions of taxpayer dollars for the company and its investors. Period.

This is not a company to be trusted or believed. In three plus years of going to meetings, listening to their speeches, researching, learning, it is obvious that they have a terrific PR department.... without honesty.

Summit is bad business. When there is a damaging rupture – not a matter of if, it's a matter of when, where, and how bad – that \$100 million indemnity won't go far, and they'll pull the plug. When they run out of tax incentives, they will sell/ lease/ transfer the easements to some other [unknown] entity. I think we can all say that we would eventually regret this project.

Please say no to Summit.

Kathy Carter, Summit-threatened landowner

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