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**Subject:** [EXT] to South Dakota Utilities Commission, re: Summit Carbon Pipeline

Dear South Dakota Utilities Commissioners,

I am writing as an Iowa landowner and part of a group of concerned Iowa landowners affected by the Summit Carbon Pipeline project. For 3 years now, we have researched and done all in our powers to bring to light the tremendous dangers this project would present to human life, property and the environment. Many people like myself are 4th or 5th generation Century farmland owners who have worked to preserve and steward the land. Summit has threatened us from the get go with eminent domain. In the initial conversations their agents told us the project was a 'done deal', which was a lie. They told us that if we didn't sign easements they would take our land anyway. Many reluctant, often elderly, landowners caved in out of fear, from the intimidation, but some of us have banded together against this unconstitutional attempt to seize our property. This pipeline is in no way a utility of public good or benefit!

Summit has been trying to push the project through before the Pipeline Safety branch of Government has even been able to set the safety rules for Carbon Capture Pipelines.

We can look at a similar project in Satartia, Mississippi that experienced a dangerous rupture, sending many to hospital. Some of those victims are still suffering and/or incapacitated from injuries sustained years later. This type of gas is the very same used to euthanize animals.

Some Counties have passed safety ordinances to insure setbacks for the pipeline to keep it away from human or animal dwellings. Summit has done all in their power to stop these, for example filing legal suits against those counties and their ordinances!

They have shown us so far that their project will be built with zero concern for human safety and all for the great profit of a few, at the expense of us taxpayers.

Emergency Infrastructure is not equipped with the electric vehicles needed to work in the presence of this type of leaked gas. Combustion engines do not function in the presence of this type of gas, so victims would not be able to escape the danger.

This is a Boondoggle of a project that will not do what it claims to do. It will ultimately be a net zero carbon capture situation since it will burn and waste more energy than it saves, all at exorbitant taxpayer expense!

Precious farmland will be degraded and crop yields will be decreased, making it an economic loss for farmers, while also endangering their lives. It is inevitable that pipelines leak or rupture.

This pipeline would be a ticking time bomb in the fields. Summit has never shared their plume models but what we have learned through our own research is that the lethal gas cloud will likely travel more than a mile!

I have been on a journey for many years to create a more sustainable farm. Trees and prairie grasses are the best sequesterers of carbon around. And Summit will destroy these on the pipeline path. Also they would forbid planting of trees above the pipeline. There is also a creek running through my land. They propose to drill under that body of water and pass through my certified wetland. That ground is not

stable enough to put a pipeline and if they destroy that wetland I would be liable for the damage and be required to pay significant sums for being out of compliance. They threaten years of work and expense on our farm. I am just one of many landowners whose lives have been upended with the imminent threat of overwhelming economic and liability impacts.

The Summit pipeline would greatly interfere with growth and development of precious Midwestern farmland.

Please do not allow this terrible project to pass through your fine state!

Thank you kindly for your attention and your public service!

Sincerely,

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