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The people of South Dakota are blessed and protected by a system founded on a respect for our neighbor's boundaries. It is forbidden to intrude in any way against your neighbor, or his family or his goods, or his property.

The land is settled and at peace because of this respect for one another's rights, which are enshrined in our founding documents, and from which we all benefit. If these rights are protected, we have the continual promise of a tomorrow that we ourselves determine.

Now we have a threat against those rights, a proposed CO2 pipeline which would strip away our ability to determine who enters past our boundaries, for what purposes they enter, and how long they stay. We are given to assume that once they enter, that they will play nice. What happens if they don't?

Not only would this corporation claim control over our land and erode our property rights but would also deplete our groundwater. The aquifer beneath our feet is not an inexhaustible resource and the water demand to operate this pipeline would be huge, draining it faster than can be replenished. This pipeline would waste our groundwater and flow it away down the James River.

The proposed pipeline cannot be made safe for the families that would be living within miles of it. At the end of each day, they would send their children to bed not knowing if tonight is the night that there will be a rupture that would

suffocate them all. Our fellow South Dakotans would be placed under a completely unacceptable risk for the sake of a few people getting rich.

To my knowledge, the pipeline company still refuses to provide key pieces of information that should be made public. Their list of investors is hidden, so we don't even know who we would really be dealing with. Are sworn enemies of our country on that list? How much and what kind of influence would each of these unknown investors have?

If the precedent is set, that any business entity could claim control over parcels of land, then what's to stop the next one from claiming control over other forms of personal property? Our homes? Our vehicles?

Comments concerning this issue are incomplete without a mention of the men and women who held things in place while society advanced. No veteran ever sacrificed so that we could lose our property rights, drain our aquifer, and put their fellow countrymen in constant danger. What our veterans gave us is ours to enjoy, and moreover, to defend, so we can hand it securely to our next generation.

We were warned centuries ago about what happens to a people that trade their rights for money.