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To: South Dakota PUC re: HP24-001

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

I am very concerned and hope that this CO2 pipeline is not a "done" deal like we heard over and over during the last legislative session in Pierre. Please tell us this is not going to be just a formality hearing like the ones in Iowa and North Dakota. South Dakotans deserve better! The voters have spoken loud and clear and said "no" on RL 21. The State Supreme Court also said "no". You, the PUC said "no". So what has changed? Well, we know they [Summit] have not.

Summit is not and has not been a company that has followed the rules. They have done everything in their power to bully their way through to get what they want. This past legislative session they and a few friendly legislators gamed the system to enact and pass legislation in their favor. This ironically resulted in a huge upset and overturn of legislative power and a boots on the ground effort of concerned citizens to get RL 21 petitioned and on the November ballot. Summit silenced our voices in public meetings and legislative sessions, and now they are trying to shut down our right of free speech - the 1st Amendment - because the truths of CO2 sequestration are being brought to light. Google "pipeline deception". There are other ways to sequester CO2 without taking control of and disrupting other people's livelihoods and land. This whole idea is a huge money and land grab by the 1% elites, all for their profit and all to our detriment. These are not the type of folks that we want to do business with in South Dakota.

The CO2 pipeline in Satartia, MI ruptured, causing serious injury to many, with life-long side effects. There is no protection against this same threat in South Dakota if this were to happen here. Given our drastic weather changes and the highly pressurized CO2 gas, it's just a matter of time before it ruptures, endangering the inhabitants of the land, whether they are yourself, your mother, father, son, daughter, cows, pigs, or your beloved pet. Should money and greed trump human life?

The development of the region will significantly be reduced due to the fear of the proximity of the CO2 gas that could leak. Land values will tank and so will the economy. No one is mentioning the huge amounts of water and electricity it will take to operate the pipeline. There's also the cost to the emergency responders and their safety. Insurance companies will not insure any area that has a CO2 pipeline on it. The liability in the case of a leak or rupture will be the landowner's, not Summit's because it will be hard to prove whose fault it was, thus causing hardship to the landowner. In the case of tile damage, the landowner, not Summit will be held responsible for the construction or repair of drainage tile lines. Summit will be long gone once the pipeline is in place.

Do the voices of the people of South Dakota still matter? Are we going to transfer everything we've worked so hard to acquire and maintain from generation to generation to huge private companies who could care less about us and our welfare? Have you heard or seen any compassion from them? These past 3+ years have been the biggest battle I hope I ever have to witness. It has been an honor to be a part of the honest, hard-working, concerned, and passionate folks that have sacrificed their spare time, effort, and money, all in a collective effort to keep our constitution's rights and freedoms. Please follow your hearts and keep the South Dakota citizens' best interests at the forefront and say "No!" to Summit's CO2 pipeline. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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