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My family became part of this fight as of June 2024, as that is the first time we were made aware of Summit's intent to cross our land with a CO2 pipeline connecting Gevo in Lake Preston to their main line running further west in Kingsbury County. According to the Summit Representative and land broker that showed up at our farm, they stated it was Summit's intent to cross all four of our quarters along 210<sup>th</sup> street south of DeSmet. They proceeded to tell my family how good and safe this pipeline was and we were also told that our county commissioners encouraged our support of this project as the county will receive money based on how much pipe runs through the county.

Thankfully my husband has good business sense and asked lots of questions. However, it appeared that Summit rep did not care for this, and the meeting ended with the rep stating, you can sign the easement, or we will cross you anyway by other means. To this statement my husband stated, if you're going to imply eminent domain, then just say it, with the rep replying, we don't like to use that phrase. A short time later, the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled that Summit cannot use eminent domain to force this pipeline on those that do not want it going across their land.

In reaching out to our neighbors along the proposed route, we found that only one had been contacted by Summit. In talking with those in our community, it appeared that those that had spoken to Summit seemed grossly misinformed in that CO2 is safe and that this pipeline is no different than the other pipelines currently in our county.

Outside of that day in June and the certified letter arriving the week of Christmas to inform us of the PUC meetings, that is the only contact we have had with Summit.

Summit says they have done due diligence to inform those impacted by the route and gone out of their way to work with landowners. Well, I am here to say, they have not, at least NOT in Kingsbury County.

Respectfully submitted,  
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