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This testimony is for the formal hearing
My response may be treated as if under
oath

I am totally against the TransCanada
Keystone pipeline. The proposed route would
go through or under the Wolf Creek and
the pipeline would be 1/4 mile from my farm
yards. The Wolf Creek provides water for my
cattle from spring until fall and provides
water to every pasture between here and
the James River 8 miles away. An oil spill
would ruin the creek water and very likely
my farm wells. Most of my farm income
comes from cattle. If I am unable to
raise cattle I ^{would} expect TransCanada to
replace my lost income yearly.

We have natural water in our area.
There have been two water breaks by the
Wolf Creek and one by the James River in
recent years. The most damage water can
do is cause a flood but an oil spill will
ruin our water and soil, and as a result,
our farming operations. A custom
applicator applied too much chemical on
5 acres of my land and it didn't produce.

anything for years. How much damage would an oil spill cause on our land?

This proposed pipeline has been stressful for my family and on our health. My son wants to join the family farming operation, but will he decide to throw in the towel if a foreign oil company is creating problems? My wife & I have worked a lifetime to build our farming operation. We don't need Inak Canada to come and destroy our life's work.

Our family has owned and operated Hillview Farm for over 125 years. My great grandfather, Joseph Stanger Homesteaded $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 14 & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 15 Township 100 N, Range 57 W (Pleasant Township in Hutchinson County). He was granted a Homestead Certificate in 1887 signed by President Grover Cleveland. The certificate states "granted to Joseph Stanger and his heirs forever". It was not given to a foreign country then and it is not to be given to a foreign country now.

Jerome D. Stanger