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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Public Utilities Commissioners  
Capitol Building, 1st floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners,

This letter is my testimony for the Transcanada pipeline formal hearing.

I am against this project.

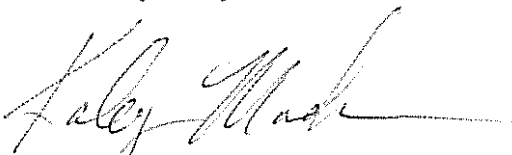
I am a 26 year old, 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer. I have been actively farming on my family farm since I was 13. My ancestors homesteaded just a few miles away in 1883. This history is important to my family and myself. I have been raised to respect the land and take care of it.

I am concerned that if this pipeline comes through it will someday break and contaminate the soil and the natural springs that are running all around and through Carpenter. I feel that water is way more necessary than oil. Especially when you look at places like those in Georgia where their water is almost depleted. We are looking for ways to use water instead of oil everyday.

I don't know if this is the best place to put this pipeline. Transcanada says they don't want to use the I-29 corridor because they will interfere with more landowners and it will take longer to complete the project. I feel that would be the safest because a leak would be more visible and accessible. They want it out here where they treat us like we are 'nobody' and it don't matter if we have a leak because there aren't very many of us. They can keep a low profile and do anything they want. Transcanada seems to only be worried about profit. They seem to want to rush this project along so they can start raking in the cash. That worries me too, a project like this shouldn't be rushed. When you rush, things happen and I am afraid it is going to happen on South Dakota land. If you make them go by I-29 there will be eyes on them all the time.

Please take my concerns seriously and do what is right for South Dakota and me. Don't let Transcanda walk all over us. I am just trying to take care of my land.

Respectfully,



Kaley John Madsen  
Landowner