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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 for my testimony for the formal hearing of the PUC pertaining to the TRANSCANADA pipeline affecting 680 acres of my land in eastern South Dakota.

I don't think it is fair that a foreign owned company can dictate to my family and me what we must agree to for the routing of their pipeline. At first I didn't think it would be unreasonable. The more contact I had with their representatives the worse it got. They don't seem to care about the future of what could happen.

I am a fourth generation farmer and I take great pride in my families land. My family homesteaded a few miles from here in 1883. This is not just 'land' to a farmer.

A project of this magnitude takes great care and thought. I feel the executives of this project are only thinking of profit, profit, profit. I tried to work with these people as they wanted to put a pump station on my land. I mentioned we would be willing to work out a 100 year lease to assure the land would return to the owner of the surrounding acres. Rather they elected to move the pump station to an area off the main highway that would likely be inaccessible in the winter. This decision alone constitutes that TRANSCANADA puts safety second to profit.

Sincerely,



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Landowner
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