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Chris,

I listened to the latest PUC hearing and I'm concerned about the action taken when the commission considered delaying the permit hearing schedule for the Summit Carbon Solutions infrastructure project.

As one of the landowners who signed an easement with Summit, I can tell you that they were good to work with and have secured voluntary easements for 55% of the route already and more are signing every day.

I signed an easement because this project is too important for South Dakota agriculture and our ethanol industry. I'm afraid the same lawyer who was arguing against scheduling a permit hearing is using the same tactics he used in fighting Keystone XL. Stalling and putting up roadblocks is the opposition's strategy and it appears they succeeded at the last PUC hearing in delaying the process.

I urge you to take the advice of your staff in scheduling the hearing in April.

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Stalling the project by delaying the hearings has the potential of losing thousands of jobs, millions of tax revenue and hamstringing our ethanol industry, potentially permanently.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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