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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Public Utilities Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern about the land seizure that is going on in the state of South Dakota, to benefit the private companies who desire to bury pipeline to carry pressurized CO₂ through our state at the peril of those in its pathway and with no thought to those who own the property. The Navigator Pipeline and Summit Carbon Solutions are privately owned and eminent domain does not apply to them. Using eminent domain in this situation ~~is~~ (for private gain) is unconstitutional, and you, as PUC Commissioners, take an oath to uphold the Constitution!

Safety concerns have not been addressed. I hope you are aware of the pipeline rupture that occurred in Satartia, MS. Who would want something so dangerous as pressurized CO₂ buried on their property? Would you?

These are only two of many reasons this needs to stop. These are not public companies, they do not benefit the public, and they are not providing for a public need. Please do not issue them permits and trample on the rights of the citizens you are supposed to be serving.

Sincerely,
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