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Greetings,

I am writing to express my opinion on the Carbon Pipeline Initiative being considered by your commission.

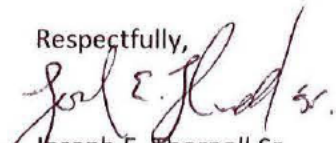
This proposal has been ill-intended from the onset. In the first information I heard about it, the companies involved were talking about using Eminent Domain to accomplish their objectives.

The definition of Eminent Domain (the power of the government to take private property and convert it into public use), has been bandied about but most clearly recognize that trying to describe its meaning another way or modify the definition means it is intended to be used improperly.

Capturing, pressurizing, and moving Carbon across inhabited land for private company financial gain does not align with Eminent Domain. It aligns with using our federal tax dollars to take private property for the eventual financial gain of both Summit Carbon and Navigator (private companies) and their investors.

I encourage you to deny both companies request for permits. Rule for the citizens of South Dakota, the landowners, and certainly for the safety and health of all South Dakota citizens.

Respectfully,


Joseph E. Thornell Sr.
South Dakota Resident