

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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To the honorable Governor Kristi Noem,
To the honorable Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden,
To the honorable State Attorney General Marty Jackley,
To the honorable Secretary of State Monae Johnson,
To the honorable Public Utilities Commission members: Gary Hanson, Kristie Fiegen, and Chris Nelson,
To the honorable Board of County Commissioners of each organized county in the Great State of South Dakota,
To the honorable President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck,

Greetings from Hand County!

On behalf of the five elected commissioners of Hand County acting privately and collectively, they each affixed their signature in support of the enclosed letter.

Please accept this letter for the record.

On behalf of the commission,



Doug DeBoer – Auditor

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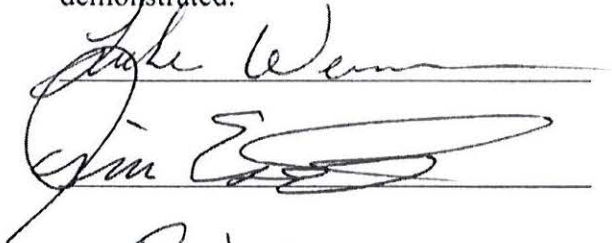
To whom it may concern:

We the undersigned members of the Hand County Board of Commissioners believe that the use of eminent domain condemnation proceedings by the carbon capture pipeline companies is unconstitutional. The original and limited justifications for the application of and resort to eminent domain were and remain the advancement and facilitation of necessary public infrastructure.

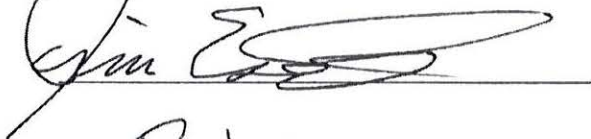
Carbon capture pipeline entities are not cooperatives, nor, non-profit corporations with charitable aspirations and neither are they units of any government.

While we neither condemn nor condone the business purposes in which the reference companies are engaged, these enterprises are first and foremost dedicated to the generation of profit for and the enrichment of their private shareholders.

The private property rights of all Hand County and South Dakota residents should not be sacrificed at the altar of eminent domain when no known necessary infrastructure is at stake and no public benefit can be demonstrated.



Luke Wernsmann-Chairman



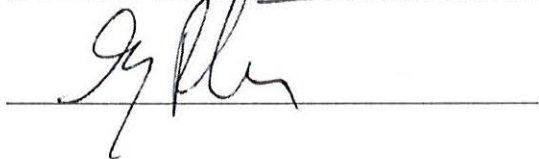
Jim Eschenbaum-Vice Chairman



Daniel Jensen - Commissioner



Jim Jones - Commissioner



Greg Palmer - Commissioner

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF HAND

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original which is on file in my office.

Date: 8/3/23

Signature: Doug DeBuer

