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July 11, 2023

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Commissioner Kristi Feigen  
Commissioner Chris Nelson  
Commissioner Gary Hansen  
500 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket #HP22-002 (Navigator)

Perkins County Commissioners wish to express opposition to the use of eminent domain for private gain in the state of S.D. by Navigator's (Phase 1) proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline running through five counties in South Dakota: Brookings, Lincoln, Moody, Minnehaha, and Turner.

While Perkins County is not directly affected by the proposed pipeline project, we express support for affected South Dakota counties and their county commissioners, some of whom are being sued by Summit for exercising their full legal authority to route and cite the CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines via setbacks and ordinances, as well as for passing moratoriums to study the proposed project and protect their citizens.

We also oppose the recent farmland condemnation proceedings which have currently been filed on South Dakota farm families. This is unconstitutional and should not be happening in South Dakota. We value and respect our God-given, constitutional right to "life, liberty, and property." This must be protected and preserved above any law or decree. We owe it to our constituents to keep our constitutional oaths to preserve our freedoms and liberties. Therefore, we oppose granting a permit to these private companies.

Sincerely,



Kyle Carmichael  
Perkins County Chairman

CC: South Dakota Association of County Commissioners  
South Dakota Governor, Kristi Noem  
South Dakota Lieutenant Governor, Larry Rhoden  
South Dakota Attorney General, Marty Jackley  
County Commissioners for the counties currently affected by the pipelines (Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, McPherson, Minnehaha, Moody, Spink, Sully, and Turner)