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Docket number: HP22-001  
SCS Carbon Transport LLC

I am a landowner in Lincoln County and I have concerns about the proposed CO2 pipeline.

1. Is this legal? The 5th amendment of the US constitution speaks of taking private property for public use with just compensation, but this proposal is taking private property by a private sector. What precedent will this be setting for the next private company to also use eminent domain? Who owns these companies? Who will own them in the future when they are sold? We are being forced to allow a private company to dictate how our farmland will be used. This is being driven by \$\$\$, not by the US constitution, which our elected officials have sworn to uphold.
2. Safety concerns. CO2 in the air is a natural gas - necessary for plant life. CO2 under pressure becomes deadly. It is an asphyxiant. It displaces oxygen and therefore causes death by suffocation. What safety measures will be in place for every community that this proposed pipeline goes through? Will the first responders be trained on how to handle a disaster if a pipe ruptures? Regular PAPR units are not sufficient in these cases because a CO2 explosion would displace all the oxygen. Who will provide the necessary equipment needed for all the first responders across all the counties this affects? What reimbursement will be given to the landowner if the pipes rupture and destroy the crops and the soil two, five, ten years down the road? There is nothing in the company's proposed 'contract' that references this possibility.
3. A money scheme. This project is being driven by the promise of financial gain. It is being subsidized by our tax dollars. So we are forced to fund a scheme for private gain, with no real proof of public good. Remember that each policy decision which may look good on the surface, also comes with unintended consequences.
4. Landowner choices. If this pipeline goes through private property, the landowner is forced to give up the right to develop an acreage site in the future, or any other number of decisions. This pipeline will negatively affect the value of the property.

Please consider all the concerns from all the people of South Dakota as you make your decision. It must be a weighty realization that three people are responsible for deciding such a consequential matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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