

Good Morning Chairman Patten and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I am Paul Brown, a third generation farmer/rancher and landowner right east of Bismarck.

Over the past year we have been dealing with the proposed CO2 pipeline and the headache that has come with it. In July, I had to inform a survey crew that they were trespassing illegally onto my family's property. They responded by saying that "we thought this was a section line" when in fact, they were on my driveway which is a quarter-line. How does a survey crew not know the difference?

Come to find out, the crew was not even registered with the North Dakota State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. More than once I had to confront them about trespassing and there was a complete lack of respect for the landowner and law. That is why I am asking you to support SB 2251.

Thank you for your consideration,

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