

Good Morning, Committee Chairman Senator Patten and committee members I'm here to testify regarding SB2251 -

My name is Susan Doppler, I'm here for myself and other family members. We are landowners in Burleigh County. We are in support of SB2251.

The vagueness of the current "entry for making surveys" law provides little protection for a landowner to deny access to his/her land. SB2251 requires that the corporations or surveyor must contact landowners to receive verbal or written permission from the owner; along with providing corporations or surveyor with an opportunity to have their case heard in court if access is denied. In the future whomever wants to survey our property for any reason will have a less aggressive and respectful behavior.

This is only an assumption on our part, but a sign posted, specifically stating No Trespassing Summit Carbon Solutions, was removed at a time when we were notified by neighbors of Summit Carbons Solutions presence in our neighborhood. South Central Water's Keaver booster butte underground booster site is located on our land, and was in direct line with the proposed pipeline route. In a short time after our sign was removed we received a notice of route change, which now goes through the middle of 115 acres of cropland. In the future SB2251 would require corporations of any kind to not disregard landowners NO to survey.

This bill is very personal to us; we are being taken to court because the law in place is so vague it strips landowner's rights to deny access to our property. A private for gain company should not have the ability to survey at will. Our family has owned this land for generations (more years than any of us in this room has lived) and we should have the ability to deny access to anyone trespassing on our private property.

In closing, I'm requesting you provide landowners of ND with the protection over land in their ownership by passing SB2251. Thank you.

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