

To the Honorable members of the Energy and Natural Resources committee in support of SB 2209.

We are retired farmers living in Fargo and own land in Richland County. We are being actively sued by Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) pipeline for access to two parcels of our prime tillable farmland. We have had minimal communication with SCS and have stated that we have no interest in allowing their pipeline to run across our property. Their minimal communication has been a lawsuit against us, making it necessary for us to “lawyer-up” at our personal expense. **Our land is not for sale!** We don’t accept that an international, private pipeline company should have the right to **take** our land for their own use—while using government incentives to make billions off our backs. All in the name of the public good! This pipeline has been designated as a hazardous-waste pipeline. Transporting this gas and burying it in North Dakota doesn’t appear to be of public benefit. The biggest benefit is to the builders and their investors making large profits at taxpayer expense. The questions of “for the public good” need to be addressed and not left to just 3 or 4 members of the Public Service Commission or the Industrial Commission.

Our hope is that you are willing to take a stand against using eminent domain for the purpose of constructing these kinds of projects by private companies. At the very least, supporting legislation that limits their ability to do so, without a larger amount of voluntary landowner participation and additional public input.

We believe that SB2209 addresses these issues. We would appreciate your support, voting YES.

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