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Committee Chairman and members of the Committee,

My name is Art Rode from rural Bismarck and I support bill SB2209.

I may not speak politically correct, but, here are my thoughts. I am concerned about the safety and rights of the people.

I don't understand why an unborn duck has more rights than an unborn baby and human life. I wonder why Summit Carbon Capture (SCC) can go through our backyards, wrap around our farmsteads, close to schools and just up river from Bismarck's water intake. The SCC route would be considerably safer if it went through wetlands and wildlife areas and not in our backyards.

Some of you representatives have grandchildren. Would you like them living by or going to school by a hazardous CO2 pipeline?

How can it be right that SCC as a big business can use eminent domain to take away the rights of the landowner who is just trying to protect his land and family - for the sake of SCC's profits? This is why eminent domain should not be used for hazardous, unproven CO2 pipelines.

We have only ONE shot to do this right and if we screw up we will live with it for the rest our lives.

Thank you for your time,

Art Rode