

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

We are farmers in Sargent County who live and work on the land subject to eminent domain. The proposed route of the hazardous waste pipeline goes right through our calving pasture. In the case of a pipeline leak, what if none of our cattle survive? What if insurance doesn't cover our losses? It's doubtful that Summit Carbon Solutions would ever respond to a phone call if there are problems since they haven't proven to be a trustworthy or ethical company to work with so far.

We are being sued by Summit Carbon Solutions for not allowing them access to our land to survey. We have hired a lawyer at our own expense.

We do not support the idea of a CO2 pipeline for the many reasons but the main ones are as follows:

- We feel that destroying fertile topsoil will hurt society far more than carbon emissions from fossil fuels ever could.
- We also feel it would decrease our property value. Who wants to buy farmland with a carbon pipeline buried a few feet under the ground where topsoil has been disturbed? No matter how good of a job they do putting it back it will never be as good as it was.
- We are concerned about the safety of the pipeline. Independent pipeline safety consultant and expert witness Richard Kuprewicz, who has worked in the oil and gas industry since the 1970s and authored a recent report on CO2 pipelines for the nonprofit Pipeline Safety Trust. The US needs strong federal safety standards that are designed specifically for carbon capture pipelines—and doesn't have them yet." He says. "For billions of dollars you can make smart people do incredibly stupid things."

Dozens of proposed carbon pipelines projects have never gotten off the ground (and for many good reasons) and so far carbon capture has so far mostly just captured taxpayers money.

We hope that you are willing to support North Dakota landowners against using eminent domain by private companies. We would appreciate your support by voting YES on SB 2209.

Thank you for your consideration.

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