

Committee Chairman Senator Patten and committee members I'm here to testify regarding SB2209

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 SB2209

Our families have owned property in the same location in Burleigh County for generations. Farming has been our livelihood in providing for our families and the nation throughout these generations. North Dakota's leading industry from its inception was agriculture and it is still one of the leading industries here today. Agriculture being a provider of food is the cornerstone of human existence. The impact of recent food shortages across our state, nation and the world is a reflection of the importance and value of agricultural production; in our case its farm land.

The threats by Summit Carbon Solutions of eminent domain could result in over 200 acres of our farm land being inoperable for farming; because of the risk of the shallow depth of the pipeline and we will be uninsurable because the pipeline is considered hazardous. In addition, in conversation with other landowners affected by pipelines, there will be a devaluation of valuable land. How many acres of land could be lost to agricultural food production by eminent domain with this one 2,000 mile proposed pipeline route? What kind of impact will it have locally, nationally and globally because of the loss of agricultural acreage? CO2 pipelines are NOT always I repeat NOT always beneficial for agriculture, as they continually advertise.

With this being Summit Carbon Solutions first pipeline project and inadequate safety regulations currently in place; the risks are many for landowners, adjacent land and home owners, schools etc. My nephew, his wife and their two young daughters live a very short distance from the proposed pipeline location. I ask you, would you or any of your family members choose to live close to an inadequately regulated hazardous pipeline?

In closing, I will admit this is a very personal issue, our family has owned this land for generations and we believed future generations would inherit this valuable land. I'm asking you to support SB2209 for us, other North Dakotans and the generations to come. Thank you.

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