

Madam Chairman  
Distinguished Members

My name is Connie Erickson and I reside in Naughton Township for the past 38 years.

I am here to give my support to the Bills: SB2228, SB2251, SB2313, SB2209, and SB2212, that Senator Magrum has submitted.

I have not been contacted by Summit Carbon Solutions except for mailings and once when the surveyor came to the house unannounced. I was surprised when he was at the door as the driveway has numerous signs stating: private drive, keep out, no trespassing, private property, security cameras in use. It was not the most pleasant experience I have had with trespassing and being threatened. When I answered the door he stated to me "I don't suppose you will let me on to survey your land"? I responded "probably not"? and his response was "Well if they want it, they will get it one way or another". The second time this gentleman stopped I was not home but my security cameras picked him up coming to the door numerous times, ringing the doorbell and said "If you would answer your door and give me a contact number or name of your attorney, I wouldn't drive up and down your road anymore". This made me think he knows he was trespassing and do I need to be concerned about anything else here?

This is our main source of income which produces awesome crops to provide food for the world, there is a school in the area, neighbors and livestock that are my concern. To me there is nothing more valuable and would like to touch on areas for you to review. This farm was my husband's legacy where he had worked since he was able to. He inherited the farm in 2019, with the passing of his parents and became the 5th generation to farm and ranch, which he loved and it was more than just a job. It has now been passed onto our son who is now the 6th generation and rents the land out for farming and ranching, as his father would of wanted.

Sec 27 T140N R79W:

Summit is requesting 491.406 feet (along with additional 500 feet on each side) for \$22336.64

Last appraisal 2019 shows market value of property \$785,000

Yearly income from this track \$27279.36

Year end report from land manager showed: Sunflowers were planted and reported harvesting, on average, a yield of 1,900 pounds per acre. This was an excellent yield and the renter was happy with the end results and is looking forward to farming this land.

\*There is also a house on this section where a husband and wife live. Contains 61 acres of habitat.

Sec 34 T140N R79W

Summit is requesting 268.979 feet (along with additional 500 feet on each side) for \$12226.32

Last appraisal 2019 shows market value of property \$480,000

Yearly income from this track \$16511.56

Year end report from land manager showed: Corn was planted and when observed by the land manager, it was found to be one of the nicest in the area even though there was a dry spell. The renter reported a harvest averaging 110 bushels per acre and was pleased.

\*This renter also rents 2 other sections which gives an additional \$16,930 yearly income. Contains 17 acres of habitat

If these two renters pull out because of the hazardous liquid pipeline and they will, Out of a total yearly income \$66,728.30, I will be left with \$6006.00 for the year from a pasture that is rented from a 3rd renter. I am not sure how I am to pay a mortgage and any other bills on \$6006.00. I don't see how putting in a hazardous liquid pipeline is better than the excellent yields these two sections produce for food to feed the world. Both of these sections are ideal for residential growth as North Dakota continues to grows, as there is residential areas already closely located to the West. With a pipeline, the land will become unsellable and unrentable.

If in the beginning maybe a phone call would have been made by the company asking to visit with everyone, explain what happens, answer questions we would have had and advise us that they have faith in their pipeline and will be taking full responsibility and taking care of the private property homeowners by yearly payments for as long as they have their pipeline in ~ it would of

possibly went better for everyone involved. To be completely honest: I don't understand how someone can just go ahead and bully a person and do whatever they want.

Please take into account that we will not have insurance coverage as stated by an insurance company response:

As time passes, landowners may change hands, pipeline owners and operators may change, future technology may render the pipeline useless or ineffective. All of these factors among others, increase the potential that you may be held personally liable in the future for cleanup, removal and other activities that could cause damage as a result of this pipeline being installed. As history has proved, any pipeline has a chance to fail, leak and seep resulting in significant damage to life and property. To place this type of risk or burden upon unwilling landowners, is tantamount to placing a risk to your livelihood without your permission. In summary, having a pipeline running through your property, carrying hazardous liquid, a pollutant, subjects the owner to substantial uninsurable exposure.

Please take into account that the land value will change as stated by an appraisal company response stating: Environmental Disclaimer:

The clause estimated is based on the assumption that the property is not negatively affected by the existence of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions. The existence of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions on or around the property will negatively affect its value.

Here is a couple of other things I would appreciate you taking in for review.

First 1/18/2023 Burleigh County Commission meeting had stated some interesting thoughts:

Accounting States Attorney Lawyer stated: For ordinances recommendation regarding pipelines would be to call it hazardous liquid pipeline that way not calling out any particular pipelines and to prepare for the future too. Hard telling what could come in the future.

Commissioner Schwab stated: North Dakota has deep frost. If we hit that who's going to pay for it? Someone replied: Let's pray we never hit it.

Commissioner Schwab goes on to say: These companies that want to run stuff through, need to be bonded so if anything goes wrong, they are going to be out fixing it instead of filing bankruptcy. According to information that pipeline is 24" and running 2550 psi. We have to be very careful, if that thing goes a lot of things will go. Even the shut off valves, there's a lot of stuff in those lines. I'm very concerned about that. To me it don't make sense. I think the whole thing is crap. The whole idea to be honest with, it's just a big joke, going to cost a bunch of money and hard feelings.

Second I would like taken in for review is the 1/03/2023 State of the State Address which the Governor speaks about:

Today the State of our State is one of strength and infinite opportunity, blessed with our abundant natural resources, inherent freedoms and industrious, caring people.

Our bedrock industry, agriculture, continues to lead the nation in several categories

Our farmers and ranchers battle every day to provide food security for our state, country and world. They fight through challenging weather, through droughts and fires, blizzards and floods. They innovate and expand the use of technology to boost yields and are implementing resilient and regenerative farming and grazing practices. They work through burdensome red tape pushed down from the federal government. These farm and ranch families are the backbone of our rural state, and the work they do is feeding the growing world, and for that, we all should be grateful.

We know our farmers and ranchers can compete with anyone, anywhere, anytime, IF they're given a level playing field. Right now, the field is so uneven when it comes to capital access and capital formation. We can level it, and we can do it wisely and with smart environmental

stewardship. Plus, the economics of animal agriculture increase land values and are helping rural communities to grow and thrive. I urge this body to change the long downward trajectory of animal agriculture in North Dakota and do away with this archaic law as it applies to ownership of animal agriculture operations, including poultry. (Note is Grand Forks Harold 1/24/2022): Let's take the handcuffs off our farmers and ranchers and allow animal agriculture, family farms and our rural communities to thrive in in North Dakota once again. We need Farm Freedom legislation, and we need it now!

This last one I know is about NRCS but it is also about the farmer and rancher and it don't matter who the other party is, it's about protecting the farmer/ranchers and landowners private property and not picking or choosing.

Article dated 9/28/2022: HOEVEN HELPS INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS FROM GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

This legislation would protect private property rights and would safeguard farmers, ranchers and landowners from the bureaucracy (of the NRCS – take out) and empower them to make the best decisions for their land.

“North Dakota farmers and ranchers take care of their land better than anyone else,” said Hoeven. “This legislation is about ensuring (USDA NRCS – remove) policies are farmer-friendly and respect property rights. As we get to work on the next farm bill, we will continue to prioritize efforts to reduce bureaucratic overreach and red tape for landowners.”

“In North and South Dakota, we are all too familiar with the punitive enforcement of conservation compliance and farmers and private property rights rarely come out on top,” said Cramer. “Our bill provides much-needed reforms for the Natural Resources Conservation Service wetland determinations. It creates a more thorough appeals process, prohibits bureaucrats from being retroactively punitive, and rightly places the burden of proof on the government as opposed to the landowner. I thank Senator Rounds for his leadership and look forward to working with him on these reforms.”

Specifically, the legislation would:

Prohibit (NRCS – takeout) entering into permanent easement agreements, only allowing termed easements.

Prevent certain compliance penalties for newly determined wetlands from being imposed retroactively.

Place the burden of proof on the company (NRCS – take out), rather than the landowner, to prove a violation.

Update and reform (NRCS – take out) appeals process to ensure fair treatment of farmers and landowners.

\*10/25/2022 Reuters: long- term underground storage of carbon is unproven. That undermines the pipeline.

With all the talk of food shortages, North Dakota growing and wanting to make the state more presentable for people to decide to move here, why would you want to move to a state where your private property is taken from you, people's lives and wildlife put in danger, being bullied, told what to do with what you legally own and have no choice, be held liable for something you are not partaking in but being forced to. How do we have any faith or trust when we the people are being treated as we are, have no backing and shown we don't matter?

Please do not allow this to happen, this is our life, bread and butter, and means everything in the world to us.

Thank you for your time and consideration you have taken to listen to me.