

My name is Linda Maize. I am writing for myself and my family. We live in the southwest corner of Oliver County on land that had a homestead deed. I grew up in Oliver County on my grandfather's homestead. The land and its beauty and value is important to my family and me.

We support the repeal of NDCC 38-22. We worked hard to purchase our land. We value our land and its use. When we received the contract from Carbon Solutions, we read it and took it to our lawyer and financial advisor. Neither one thought we should sign it. We are not opposed to the carbon sequestration but would like to see it done in a different manner. Giving away our surface rights to our property is a huge concern. The contract allows Carbon Solutions to build pipelines, buildings, roads, wells, and other things as they choose whether we want them or not on our land. There is not a provision for upkeep or removal if they stop using it or abandon it. There is no schedule for compensation for these items. They will negotiate it as it comes up. There should be a schedule for payment of buildings, roads, wells, pipelines, etc. on a property before the contract is signed. Having someone tell you that it doesn't really matter if you sign the contract because if you don't, we can take your land rights anyway, is disturbing especially when you live in a rural state that should value the land and individual rights. Our rural state should understand the value of the land and recognize the rights of the property owners to their own land.

We hope you will support the repeal of NDCC 38-22-10

Thank you for your time.

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