

FYI: The bill hearing for SB 2228 is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10a Central. This bill amends the bill that allows for Eminent Domain with only 60% of pore space leased.

Ideally, you can both submit testimony which must be submitted before 8am tomorrow morning and attend the meeting, either in person or through the virtual link. If attending, the room for the meeting keeps changing, but currently it is scheduled for J216, second floor judicial wing. Attached is the location of the meeting. See attached for map.

https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/68-2023/regular/bill-overview/bo2228.html?bill_year=2023&bill_number=2228

If you want to watch live or recorded, go to this link:

[North Dakota Legislative Branch Video \(ndlegis.gov\)](https://ndlegis.gov/video)

Find the Senate Energy and Natural Resources and click on the link next to it like attached:

Your testimony can be as simple as providing your name, and that you are in support of Senate bill SB 2228. Of course, you can definitely elaborate as to why, if you are land owner, etc.

Mark

To: The North Dakota State Senate

From: Verda Draeb, a Mercer county land owner with land in the summit carbon sequestering area

Re: SB 2228

- I am very concerned about the fact that 60% of the landowners can sign the lease agreement with Summit Carbon and allow Summit Carbon to confiscate the remaining 40% of the private land to benefit their project. This is a privately owned company and there is no indication that there is a benefit to the public. By allowing this company to take our land, it appears to me that we are bordering on the edge of communism.
- There is no proof that injecting CO2 underground will not eventually leach into our water sources and soil. Under my land is a large shallow aquifer and I have a pumping well and artesian well utilizing this water for livestock. Should this be contaminated, it would destroy a farming and ranching operation.
- With the high technological skills in our country, it is probable in a few years that a discovery will be made to effectively utilize the CO2 in an ecologically beneficial manner. Once the CO2 is injected into the pore space, it can never be retrieved. Note, CO2 is utilized by plant life and piping the excess CO2 to large cities would encourage the growth of vegetation and in turn reduce air pollution.
- With the increase utilization of electric vehicles, it is possible that ethanol which produces carbon dioxide will no longer be needed.