

Dear Chairman and Committee members,

We are opposed to the proposed bills.

We are 4th generation ranchers and landowners in Mercer and Oliver Counties in North Dakota and Jason has been long time employed as a Civil Engineer in the Oil and Gas Industry of North Dakota.

We were always taught in school and in life that the majority vote rules in a democracy. Not everyone is always going to get things to go their way.

It is very apparent when 90% of landowners in this particular sequestration area have signed lease agreements, they are in support of this project and the moving forward of the innovation of energy in our community and see the benefits for the energy and agriculture advancement for future generations.

The opposed have been extremely vocal about getting people to join their cause and have been spreading untruths as to the reality of Summit Carbon Solutions Project. An opposition felt to be primarily fueled by not getting enough money for the leasing of their particular pore space.

The state of North Dakota has rules and regulations in place in which Summit Carbon Solutions has taken every step to go above and beyond in safety, regulatory and landowner relations to meet these requirements. The opposed have taken every opportunity to slander Summit Carbon Solutions and the regulatory entities and tell landowners outright lies to sway the signing of lease agreements.

The opposed tell people that Summit Carbon Solutions is taking their land via the signing of a lease agreement. As rational voting adults in North Dakota, we all know this is not the case, lease agreements do not take away the landowner's rights or do many of the other things the opposed are saying will happen if the agreement is signed.

In the submitted testimonials of those who are in favor of this vote, many are not even active in maintaining a working ranch or farming the land, they rent it out for the income only. We are active ranchers and stewards of our lands, we ensure rotational grazing, adequate grass, and healthy water. We firmly believe this project will in no way jeopardize our way of life. One person in particular states her father always said "work hard because this is all going to be yours someday". This same man is my grandfather, he was a very forward thinker and believed in progress. We also lease many acres of land that was my grandfather's passed down to my uncle that is also leased by Summit Carbon Solutions for carbon storage.

Again, most landowners are in favor of this project, and 10% of the opposed should not be making decisions for the other 90%.

Thank you,

Jason and Angie Erickson