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Dear Mr Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Zachary Cassidy, representing Dakota Resource Council in support of HB 1573. This bill would impose a \$5 tax on more than 25 miles of carbon transport. This money would then be used to mitigate damages, purchase specialized equipment, train, and deal with disasters. We believe this is common sense. If communities are going to be forced into these practices, let's make sure that they are protected if things go wrong.

While many insist that these pipelines are perfectly safe, and there is no reason for this bill, we also see this as forward-thinking as the money is also to be used for equipment and training. PHMSA is currently reviewing safety standards for these pipelines. Recently in Illinois, it was found that, after years of use, 13 Chrome Steel may be inadequate. DRC sees that this money could be useful for the safety of our communities, in terms of paying for additional training for our Emergency Responders and any equipment upgrades that are needed.

As such we recommend DO PASS on this bill.

Best,  
Zach Cassidy