

Testimony in Support of HB 1210

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We are landowners that will be living a mile or less from a proposed CO2 pipeline.

Over the last 2 years, we have learned the difference between oil and natural gas pipelines and carbon dioxide pipelines. The expert testimony that was presented during the Public Service Commission hearings was alarming. They are very, very different. CO2 is an asphyxiant and travels close to the ground in the event of a rupture and is colorless and odorless. The plume movement and dispersion are hard to predict as weather affects it greatly. Little or no warning is given before the human body succumbs to oxygen deprivation and unconsciousness. CO2 is used to kill livestock in slaughter plants.

We are very concerned about our safety and the safety of our community. The reality of a rupture in our frigid state considering all the freezing and thawing that happens here, is a definite possibility. Many insurance companies won't guarantee coverage, and some have said they will drop your farm policy entirely if a carbon dioxide pipeline crosses your property.

HB1210 is necessary to ensure that if CO2 pipelines are built in ND, the pipeline company is held liable for all damages. The citizens of ND should not be left bearing the burden of what could be a catastrophic event.

WE ask for a DO PASS on HB 1210.