

Chairman and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB1292 removing carbon dioxide as part of the common carrier status for pipelines in North Dakota. I feel that the carbon dioxide should not qualify for common carrier status as if they were the same as natural gas. Carbon dioxide capture and its sequestration is not being used or going to be essential for the public good, which I believe is the definition of a common carrier. It may be that down the road the gas being stored in the ground will be used to help with the fracking of oil in the Bakken, but to me that is another discussion for another session of the ND Legislature.

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