

**Summit Carbon Solutions Testimony on House Bill 1414**  
**January 30, 2025, 2:30 P.M.**  
**House Energy and Natural Resources Committee**  
**Representative Todd Porter, Chairman**

**Charlie Adams – Agriculture & Stakeholder Relations Manager,**  
**Summit Carbon Solutions**

**Opposition to HB 1414**

1 Good afternoon, Chairman Porter and members of the committee. My name is Charlie Adams.  
2 I am the Agriculture and Stakeholder Relations Manager for Summit Carbon Solutions. I am here  
3 today to ask for your opposition to House Bill 1414.

4 HB 1414 removes Carbon Dioxide pipelines from the previously established definition of  
5 common carrier pipelines, prohibits the use of eminent domain for carbon dioxide capture,  
6 transportation, storage or geologic sequestration, and repeals NDCC 38-22-10 – Amalgamation  
7 of pore space for geologic storage of carbon dioxide. This would stymie carbon capture and  
8 storage and enhanced oil recovery projects in the state. This would immediately halt Summit  
9 Carbon Solutions and hinder the ability of 57 ethanol facilities across the Midwest, including  
10 North Dakota’s largest ethanol plant, from accessing expanded markets. Consequently,  
11 impacting corn markets and our state’s Agriculture economy. Without new markets, the supply  
12 continues to rise and demand drops. Our farmers are looking for ways to increase demand for  
13 corn and this bill would decrease demand and drive prices down even further than they are  
14 already.

15 Linear Infrastructure is Critical to ND’s future. Ag and Energy represent 70% of ND’s Economy.  
16 These industries require linear infrastructure to move products to market (electric  
17 transmission, pipelines, rail lines, & roadways). Stopping linear infrastructure projects  
18 threatens the livelihoods of all North Dakotans – our economy, jobs and state funding is

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1 entirely dependent on our ability to move Ag and Energy Commodities to markets. Summit has  
2 worked diligently with landowners to identify an acceptable route for the pipeline, adjusting  
3 the route thousands of times, and secured voluntary easement agreements with over 80  
4 percent of landowners on the pipeline route in ND.

5 HB 1414 proposes to repeal the law that allows a storage operator to proceed to develop a  
6 storage facility when there are non-consenting owners. Without this law, there will be no  
7 additional development of CO2 projects. SCS's project developed three (3) storage facilities,  
8 acquiring greater than 93% voluntary agreements with hundreds of landowners. This bill would  
9 prohibit the 93% of landowners who signed voluntary agreements from developing their pore  
10 space.

11 In a joint Ag committee meeting last week, the ND Ethanol Producers outlined their industry's  
12 priorities of increasing demand for ethanol and ensuring the long-term viability of the product.  
13 That includes lowering carbon intensity and supporting pipeline development. HB 1414 wipes  
14 out all those industry efforts and forces companies to look to places other than ND to do business.  
15 I respectfully ask for your opposition to HB 1414. I'm happy to take any questions.

16 Thank you.