

Testimony SCR4002

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Mr Chairman,

While our organization supports property rights and is against easements for the carbon summit solutions pipeline. We do believe that there are times when people supporting property rights go too far and actively damage our environment and the animals and fish that live on it. Sometimes there are resolutions that also waste everyone's time and ultimately are ineffective. This is one of those times.

First and most importantly even if you were to get anybody to listen to these obligations it would be incredibly hard to terminate these contracts without hours of litigation and countless lawsuits. It would say by allowing landowners to purchase the easements but who would set the price?

The farmers I know are good stewards of their land, many of them hunt and fish. And while it might be tempting for some short term profit to get a few extra acres of row crops or put out more cattle to pasture. Wildlife just doesn't come from nowhere. We need that habitat and waterways to ensure that there are suitable breeding grounds for them to keep their numbers stable. This will ensure that our children and their children can hunt and fish just like we did growing up.

It wasn't too long ago that President Teddy Roosevelt, a man who admired the natural beauty of our state, saw a time when many of our game animals were on the brink of extinction. We created the United States Fish and Wildlife Service because we treasured our wildlife over short term profit.

I hope that you'll do the same and recommend DO NOT PASS on this Resolution.