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Good morning Chairman Patten and Senate Committee members.

My name is Stephanie Doolittle. I am a resident from District 8 and here in support of SB2251 introduced by Senators Magrum, Boehm and Larsen and Representative Ruby.

Legislation introduced to protect the rights of property owners is of great importance and the foundation we all rely on. Several bills concerning property rights will be debated this legislative session. The constituents of North Dakota are appreciative of the time and consideration put forth to strive for better protection for all citizens.

Our farming family who resides in Emmons County have been on the receiving end of tactics Summit Carbon Solutions have used against landowners because of our lax and outdated laws. They have steamrolled their way into ND with sights set on BIG profit with little regard as to how their 2000 mile pipeline affects those living in the footprint. Secrecy with no transparency is their motive. The pipeline will travel through 37 miles of Emmons County and is carrying hazardous materials at high pressure that could have safety concerns and most of our residents have no idea this project is even being proposed.

We were forced into a lawsuit by Summit Carbon Solutions to protect our private property rights and have also been threatened with eminent domain. If our land is taken by eminent domain, this law would ensure that Summit Carbon Solutions would need written consent to survey and to give details of the process including a location. Summit Carbon Solutions and other entities would be required to be transparent with the landowner.

Our family asks for your support on SB2251 and the Property Protection Bills introduced by Senator Magrum. We must be strong and stand together to strengthen our laws to protect all private property owners from out-of-state interests.

Thank you for your time and consideration.