

Committee Chairman Senator Patten and committee members I'm here to testify regarding SB2314

My name is Susan Doppler; I'm here for myself and other family members. We are landowners in Burleigh County. We are in support of SB2314

The proposed changes in the common carrier legislation provides and allows for all the people being affected, whether personally or in general, to have a voice before decisions are made by the PSC commission. The process of hearing testimony only after the granting of common carrier status for pipelines seems slanted in favor of the pipeline carrier. What kind of justice would there be if the courts would issue a verdict before all the facts and testimonies were given.

By having hearings in each county affected, and requiring signatures of 85% of the landowners it brings awareness to the public of a pipeline request. It also allows the county commissioners in the counties affected to be a part of the decision making process, along with providing an opportunity to confirm that the common carrier has the financial resources needed to complete the proposed project and for considering any issues raised during the public hearing.

Our forefathers came to this country to have freedom of religion, and to own and possess land and not live under the rule of a king. They came according to the United States Declaration of Independence well known phrase for "Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness"-- given to all humans by their Creator, and which governments are created to protect. SB2314 will establish laws that would provide guidelines that aren't vague, allow counties and people to have an input in the decision making process, and it would be more than checking off the boxes. We ask you to approve SB2314. Thank you