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Senator Patten and committee members,

I urge NO votes on HCR 3016 for the following reasons:

1. Enhanced oil recovery (EOR) using CO₂, according to the EERC is not possible at this time in the Bakken formation.
2. ND and the federal government has already given millions of dollars to the EERC mainly to find a way to use CO₂ for EOR in the Bakken formation.
3. The ND Industrial Commission has given away \$300,000 dollars to an engineering firm to use for propaganda trying to convince the public on how good Carbon capture is for ND. If it is so good, why do they have to try to convince us?
4. ND already has an abundance of natural gas that could be used for EOR so there is no need pipe in CO₂.
5. Basin's Electric's contract for the CO₂ pipeline going from their Coal Gasification plant to Weyburn Saskatchewan will be up in 2026. If they can use that CO₂ in the Bakken formation the contract should not be renewed. Plus Canada may be putting tariffs on everything sold to Canada from the US so they may not want to sign again.
6. There would be a significant drain on our power grid to pump CO₂ over great distances at pressures like Summits CO₂ pipeline would take plus all the Data mining, data centers and AI centers being planned for ND will be leaving us citizens literally in the dark from blackouts and brownouts.
7. Safety for high pressure CO₂ lines have not been figured out yet although with the broken line in Mississippi in 2020 and the broken valve in Louisiana last spring we have some idea how unsafe it can be. If the Summit line broke North of Bismarck anywhere close to the Missouri river with north winds there would be many casualties with people who live close to the river because CO₂ is 1.5 times heavier than air, invisible and odorless. It would come down the river valley and suffocate people and animals! At least it would be a peaceful death for some but some would not die and have recurring lifelong health problems!
8. The citizens of ND do not want it!
9. Without the 45Q tax credits we wouldn't be discussing this!

10. CO₂ is life. Without it our living plants would not have Photosynthesis and we would not have oxygen! Don't mess with God! You will not like the outcome!

Please vote NO on HCR 3016.

Thank you, Lanny Kenner