

Committee Chair and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources
Committee

I am Dan Dotzenrod. I support the passage of SB 2212.

I recognize a landowner may find it worthwhile to sign an easement with a carbon pipeline company. I also believe a landowner should not be forced to handicap or give up their land in order to help finance a highly profitable (Billions) endeavor.

The future value of our land will be forever irreversibly damaged by the placement of a proposed carbon dioxide pipeline on our property.

The carbon dioxide pipeline begets liability with no reward. A carbon pipeline company proposes their pipeline will go kittycorner through our most productive quarter of land. This means every tile line will be cut. The carbon pipeline company claims it will repair the cut tile lines and there will be no problems. This defies common sense. The trench for the pipeline will be dug, then filled with loose dirt. The repaired tile line will have loose dirt below and above our drainage tile lines. As dirt settles over time, there will be breaks in the drain tile lines. A break in the tile line will allow dirt to enter the drain tile system. It will likely plug downstream tile lines. In order to repair those breaks (directly a result from the carbon pipeline), we will be at the mercy of the carbon pipeline company. The company employee or agent will be the only party that will determine if the break is caused due to the CO2 pipeline. The carbon company can claim it is not due to their pipeline. Also, the carbon pipeline company will decide who repairs and when repairs will be made. Delay in repair will lead to crop production losses beyond the carbon pipeline easement area. This is especially concerning given that there are so few regulations and oversight for carbon dioxide pipelines.

We have been good stewards of the land by installing drain tile on 100% of the parcel. This CO2 pipeline will forever reduce bushels and income produced from this parcel.

In the past year and a half, our Governor has stated eminent domain will not be used for a carbon dioxide pipeline project. Please help the Governor stand behind his statement by voting yes.

I implore you to support SB 2212. This Bill allows landowners to have a fair negotiation over their property without the threat of eminent domain.

Support landowner property rights. Pass SB 2212.

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