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Re: SB 2212

To all North Dakota Legislators and Constituents:

I am a Burleigh County resident and I also hold interest in land in Emmons County, North Dakota. The proposed Summit Carbon pipeline is slated to cross through the farmstead I grew up on and have interest in. Part of the pipeline is about 800 feet from the front door of the farmstead home.

This pipeline will carry over 2100 pounds per square inch of liquefied carbon in a 24-inch diameter pipe, the size scheduled for my land! The shut-off are to be around 20 to 24 miles apart. If there is a break or leak, this pressurized pipe has the potential to release over 2 million gallons of Carbon into the air, which can cause catastrophic damage to life and property for many miles. I support SB 2212.

Summit Energy numerous times contacted my family, friends and neighbors in order to negotiate a settlement on an easement lease contract. There are many issues and oppositions with the terms of the lease, monetary being one but many more important terms I am opposed to. Summit is so-called friendly company and fails to share information. They will, however, threaten to use Eminent Domain in order to gain access and implement a Blanket easement on our property.

I am including a map of the proposed Summit pipeline route running through Emmons County. Notice – Summit's Pipeline does not cross through any State of North Dakota School lands. Instead, the pipeline will take curves and corners in its route, to avoid the State-owned lands. At a recent Emmons County Commission meeting we were informed by a Summit representative that it's not that they are not allowed to run the pipeline on State owned land, but it is to cost prohibitive as the State has its own Easement terms that have too many restrictions and criteria that makes running their pipeline through that land too restrictive and cost prohibitive to justify taking said route. In all cases, it would actually reduce the distance the pipeline would have to travel if State-owned land were used.

My question is: If the Governing Body of the State of North Dakota can impose such stringent restrictions and requirements on this Private Company that stands to make millions, possibly billions of Dollars a year, on the C02 project, why **shouldn't private**

property owners be able to impose and demand their own said requirements in negotiating easement leases?

In the coming months Summit Carbon Solutions will be asking the North Dakota Public Service Commission to approve this project and allow them the power of exercising Eminent Domain in acquiring Easements on lands in order to install a pipeline that will mainly benefit wealthy business men and women and give no regard to private property owners rights. Is it right that the same Governing Body that imposes harsh restrictions on its own lands in order to prevent a company or companies from gaining easements in order to cross those lands, would deny and prevent private landowners, residents and taxpayers the same privilege and/or necessities? I urge you to support Senate Bill 2212.

Sincerely,

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Attachment