

## Committee Members

This is in support of SB 2314.

This bill makes logical sense: it sets up a public hearing (s) before the decision is made to grant a pipeline common carrier status

The PSC should welcome public transparency— especially on a subject like eminent domain.

Gives local governments and local residents more of an opportunity to weigh in on large pipeline projects, current regulatory structure is too restricted with the only public hearing being on the issuance of a permit.

Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) is planning to cross our cropland with a pipeline that has no useful purpose for mankind. CO2 is a hazardous material that is dangerously unregulated in a pipeline. Untested with no previous pipeline history to learn from, SCS is planning to cross 5 states in order to pipe the CO2 underground in ND. Has ND become the dumping ground for the country? What will the future of ND look like if we allow this to happen? Does one really own their property in ND?

The whole project is a federal money grabbing scheme. It is a make-work “Green Deal” invention for a select group of self serving bureaucrats in order to become billionaires at landowner’s expense.

The first easement contract that we received from SCS in July of 2021 was an insult regarding compensation and terms. After taxes, my compensation amount figured to be about \$23.00 per year for 99 years, not even enough to pay the legal fees. We also received a letter from SCS lawyer stating that we would be sued if we did not allow entrance to our property. The SCS agents have communicated with us using misinformation, confusion, misleading and contradictory language, and threats. We are now finding ourselves buried in paperwork and meetings, and paying a lawyer every month.

Our land is a 4th generation owned property. It should not be held hostage for next 99 years. My children and grandchildren should have the right use, protect, and better the land without a toxic pipeline cutting through it.

We are asking you to help ND landowners. Please vote YES on SB 2314.

Thank you for the consideration.

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