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Dear Commissioners Hanson, Kolbeck and Johnson,

As BDM water users we are very concerned about the plan for Trans Canada's route chosen for their pipeline (and possibly more than one).

South Dakota geologists have warned Governor Rounds and the Public Utilities Commission about the risk of a spill from an oil pipeline over such a sensitive area, putting our water resources at risk when it could be put in an area where a spill could be contained should this happen.

If I remember correctly, when this whole situation began, the government not only chose to put our water at risk, it compounded the risk by granting permission to Trans Canada to use pipeline materials of a lesser quality.

Have our elected officials, Governor Rounds and the Public Utilities Commissioners, forgotten who they work for? Who chose them for their positions and why?

The people elected them, believing that they would do what was best for the people. Letting those extra tax dollars into the State's coffers is not always in the best interest of the people. Keeping our water resources safe is!

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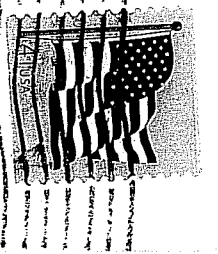
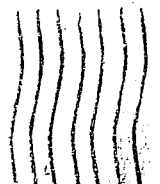
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