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To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)
Subject: Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear Mr. Hanson

I am writing this letter in regards to the Dakota Access Pipeline. I have friends and fellow farmers who will be greatly affected by you and your fellow commissioners decisions. As a farmer, I think about how will the company hired to install said pipeline will treat the land that many farmers have tended to and worked their entire lives and in many cases for generations. If this pipeline were going through my land I would want topsoil dug out first and piled separately and then the subsoil dug out next and piled in a different pile. When it comes time to back fill the pipeline trench the subsoil should be filled in first and then the topsoil. If this is not done correctly and topsoil is mixed in altogether with the subsoil you will be able to see the path of this pipeline for years to come. As you know it takes many many years to build black topsoil and to bury it 6 feet under would be a disservice and disrespectful to landowners. (For example in the Hartford area you can still see today where the Lewis and Clark water pipeline was dug in..... because they did not do as mentioned above.

Another concern I have is for all the drain tile that this company will cut and destroy during installation. The company should be held responsible for repairing all tile and making sure tile works correctly up to 3 years later in the areas they have wrecked. As we know it will take many years for the dirt to resettle, and tile that is spliced in unstable soil will bulge and sometimes break, therefore defeating the purpose of the whole drainage system. (I have installed over 300,000 feet of tile on our own ground and understand the investment and the benefits of these systems.)

Lastly I question the route that this company has proposed. It seems foolish to come near some of the fastest growing communities in South Dakota. The Tea/Harrisburg areas have added alot of value to this state! I would recommend them to use existing PUC right of ways and stay away from the greater Sioux Falls area! Dakota Accesses first decision to travel through the 85th st I-229 area shows their lack of sight and planing in their route altogether. With the wide open spaces South Dakota has you would think one could stay miles away from towns and at least a 1/4 of a mile away from residences.

In closing I do think this pipeline would be beneficial to North Dakota and the United States as a whole. But I do not see long lasting benefits for South Dakota, so I ask that the PUC look out for this state and it's property owners! We all know the environmental track record in the Bakken region has not been very good, and many landowners rights have been trampled on. I hope the same does not happen here.

Thank you for your service to this great state and I trust that you and you fellow commissioners will watch out for all of us!

- Adam VanZanten Colton, SD