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To: Iowa Senate Eminent Domain Subcommittee

Subject: SF 2160

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My family has multiple parcels in Woodbury County near the Sioux City Airport that will be negatively impacted by the proposed Summit and Navigator Carbon Pipelines. In fact, the two pipelines will cross on one parcel.

Over the last several decades we have had hundreds of acres taken from us by eminent domain to construct parts of the Sioux City airport, large drainage ditches and other major initiatives in the area. In every case, the Eminent Domain process has paid the landowner significantly less than the true value of the land. This is especially true when land that is currently farmed is acquired for commercial purposes.

Each of our parcels is zoned for General Industrial use, so the taking of an unnecessary easement will devalue the entire property significantly more than any amount currently proposed by the pipelines. The easements are forever, so it is important to look to the future value of the land over the next 20-100+ years, not just the value today as irrigated farmland.

The purpose behind these pipelines is certainly of no direct value to the local community or to the impacted and surrounding landowners.

- **We urge you to support SF 2160 to eliminate the ability for private companies to utilize Eminent Domain to acquire land for private profits.**
- **If the eminent domain option is still provided to private companies, the law should be amended to require the payments to be based on the value of the land taken over the life of the easement. An annual payment in addition to a significant up-front payment for the current value and at least a 5%+ annual increase would be more inline with normal lease transactions.**

In summary, we do not believe that private landowners should have to give up their property to supplement the income of a PRIVATE large tax supported project. If the project cannot support adequate payments to the landowners, then it should not be built.

**Thank you for supporting SF 2160.**

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