February 22, 2022

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: Docket No. HLP-2021-001 (Summit Carbon Solutions, Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit)

Iowa Utilities Board:

We, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors, are submitting this letter for your consideration pertaining to the Summit Carbon Solutions Midwest Carbon Express Pipeline (Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC – Docket No. HLP-2021-001). This letter is to inform you of our concerns regarding the proposed pipeline. Our concerns include impacts to public drainage districts and private farm tile and use of eminent domain for the purpose of private company benefit.

The Board and private landowners act as trustees to public drainage districts within our county. We have concerns regarding potential damage to public drainage district infrastructure as well as private drainage tiles. Damage to these infrastructure could come at public cost as a result of this project.

We also have concern about the use of eminent domain on private property. We question the appropriateness of eminent domain for the benefit of a private company. This type of project does not appear to have public benefit, such as a utility might.

The Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors respectfully request that the Iowa Utilities Board consider our concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors

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