

January 9, 2022

RE: Navigator Heartland Greenway Pipeline Project

Dear Iowa Utility Board Members,

We were notified in the fall of 2021 by Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC that parcels we own are affected by the proposed construction of the CO2 capture pipeline through landowner easement or eminent domain. As an affected landowner, I am writing in strong opposition to this CO2 capture pipeline project and Navigator's landowner easement and eminent domain applications. I would like this letter recorded and filed.

To start, we are very familiar with pipelines going through our farmland. We have 3 gas pipelines running through some ground that were put in place through easement prior to our ownership. They serve a public service whereas this project benefits one company and one industry and not the general public. Furthermore, we have worked with various pipeline companies for several years and know that pipelines need continuous access and even emergency access. I have firsthand experience with incidents that can occur with pipelines. The hazardous impact this potential pipeline could have in the future should not be overlooked.

Secondly, these affected farms will never be the same once the project is completed. These farms have been in our ownership for 40 to 60 years and are considered some of the best rated CSR2 in O'Brien County. The hard work we have poured into this land from a conservation perspective as well as our tenants being good stewards of the land would simply be gone overnight. The topsoil being disturbed will not be able to be repaired in our grandchildren's lifetime. This impact will diminish the ability of the land to produce at the same level for many years to come and reduce the value of the land due to a hazardous material running through it.

I understand the issue at hand is the ability for Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC to apply for landowner easement or eminent domain. The common context of eminent domain is for the benefit of "public use". I fail to see the overall benefit of this disturbance to the landowners, surrounding neighbors, local communities, and businesses without investment interest in this project.

Please vote to deny application for the Heartland Greenway System submitted by Navigator.

Respectfully,

**Brad & Delores**

*Landowner in Counties Affected by CO2 Capture Pipeline Applications*