



Buena Vista County
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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 East Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Dear Board Members:

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors would like to express their opposition to the issuing of permits establishing the application of eminent domain for the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project.

While we note the many concerns expressed by our citizens regarding the safety of these pipelines, our opposition to these projects lie with the fact that projects of this nature are not public utilities and should not receive eminent domain status. Unlike natural gas pipelines, fuel pipelines, and electrical transmission lines, CO2 pipelines serve no public purpose or utility. The precedent set by the granting of eminent domain to projects like this would mean that eminent domain could be used for any number of projects for which it was never intended. We respectfully ask that you deny the use of eminent domain for this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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