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February 15, 2022

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

RE: Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC pipeline project

The Butler County Board of Supervisors hereby submits its objection to the construction of carbon dioxide pipeline as proposed by Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC. The board has reviewed many of the other objections filed with the Iowa Utilities Board by both private citizens and other governmental entities. We agree with those who object to the disruption of our agricultural economy to install a pipeline that seeks to benefit private businesses.

Butler County urges the Board to carefully consider the nature of the benefits when applying the balancing test in its inquiry as to the public convenience and necessity of the proposed pipeline. The pipeline does not provide direct benefit to the public. Unlike an oil pipeline, the transmission of carbon dioxide to a sequestration site does not involve moving a product which will end up with the consumer.

The other potential benefit argued is financial. An oil pipeline decreases the actual costs of transportation which provides a cheaper product for the end consumer. The information provided about the financial benefit to the producers of the carbon dioxide indicates the financial benefit is not from a reduction in any costs associated with the production of a consumable product, but from government payments. These governments payments are a burden upon the taxpayers and may outweigh any potential financial benefit realized by the public.

We would request the Board consider the principles set forth by the Iowa Legislature regarding the condemnation of agricultural lands found in Iowa Code 6A.21. While we acknowledge that code section does not apply to condemnation for projects under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Utilities Board, the statute clearly shows the protection of agricultural lands from private develop is an important public policy consideration.

A final consideration is the route of the pipeline includes producers who have not agreed to use the pipeline. Even if the pipeline, as a whole, is determined to promote the public convenience and necessity, the same cannot be said of the portion of the proposed route to these producers. If additional pipeline is installed to go to places where it will not be used, then the costs to those landowners is being incurred with no benefit to anyone.

Sincerely,

Butler County Board of Supervisors

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