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July 7, 2022

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

Dear Board Members,

Re: Docket No. HLP-2022-0002, Wolf Carbon Solutions US, LLC

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors submits this letter in opposition to the use of eminent domain by the Wolf Carbon Solutions, LLC pipeline project.

Johnson County strives to enhance the quality of life for the people in our community. The pipeline that is proposed to run near or through the northeast corner of our county does not do that. The careful use of eminent domain may be appropriate in certain cases for public use, public purpose, or public improvement. However, the unrestricted and inappropriate use of eminent domain threatens and undermines private property rights.

The use of the government's authority to take private property for public use should be limited to projects that serve the entire public. The Summit and Navigator projects both claim that carbon capture and storage serves the entire public by promoting efforts to achieve climate goals. However, unlike regulated utilities, the pipelines are not granted a franchise to provide a service that benefits the entire public in a service area. Conversely, the pipeline project will exclusively benefit private companies without providing a public service.

Johnson County also prioritizes sustainability throughout the area. We are concerned about the proper restoration of agricultural land following pipeline construction, interference with proper drainage, the effects of pipeline construction on long-term soil health, and other possible negative environmental impacts. We are also concerned that the loss of economic value on residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural land used by the pipelines will be long-term, not just temporary.

One of the most important responsibilities of public officials is to promote the general welfare and protect the rights of others. We believe we have a duty to help protect private property rights, as well as our local environment, and respectfully request that you deny the use of

eminent domain for the Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC, and Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC, CO₂ pipeline projects. We sincerely appreciate your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



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