



## Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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September 6, 2022

**RE: Docket No. HLP-2021-0003, Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC**

**RE: Pipeline**

Dear Board Members,

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors is submitting this letter in opposition to the use of eminent domain by Navigator Heartland, LLC, Greenway Co2 pipeline project.

Buchanan County strives to enhance and protect the quality of life for the people who live in our county. The pipeline that is proposed to run through the northern one-third (1/3) 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 potentially threatens and undermines private property rights of many of our county residents.

It has been past common practice the use of government's authority to take private property for public use should be limited to projects that serve the entire public. The Navigator project claims that carbon capture and storage serves the entire public by promoting efforts to achieve climate goals. However, unlike regulated utilities, the pipeline is not granted a franchise to provide a service that benefits the entire public in any noted service area. In fact, it seems the pipeline project will exclusively benefit private companies without providing any noted public service.

Buchanan County also strives to protect our land use and its preservation of agricultural purposes throughout the area. Agricultural sustainability is our county's number one priority. We are concerned about the proper and full restoration of agricultural land following pipeline construction, interference with proper drainage, tiling, 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 pipeline will be long-term, not just temporary as your company claims.

We believe one of our most important responsibilities as public officials is to promote the general welfare and we continue to strive to protect the rights of others. We believe we have a duty to protect private property rights, and our local environment, and respectfully request that you deny the use of eminent domain for Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC Co2 pipeline project. We appreciate your prompt attention and consideration of our positions in relationship to this matter.

The placement of a Co2 pipeline has a negative effect on Economic development as it will hinder construction, development of housing, agriculture buildings, commercial business and places of gatherings in the proximity of the pipeline.

Safety is and should be of top priority for personal life, medical injury and damage to personal property, as the potential for large damaging quantities of Co2 will and does exist. Distance between safety shut off valves will be spaced to far part to minimize/limit the quantity of Co2 release.

How emergency services personnel is trained and equipped is not well address to ensure safety for responders and evacuation of people and how agriculture livestock is protected.

Sincerely,

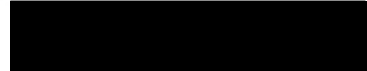
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