

Customer Objection Form Submission

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- HLP-2022-0002 (*Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC*; Hazardous Liquid Pipeline)

The Linn Soil and Water Conservation District opposes the use of eminent domain to build the Wolf/ADM liquid CO2 pipeline proposed for Linn County. Our job as elected officials is to protect and promote the wise and sustainable use of our natural resources, including soil and water. Healthy soil and clean water should not be squandered for the short-term profits of private investors.

Construction of a pipeline through farmland will do long-term damage to the soil profile and productivity. While the pipeline companies promise that they will limit compaction and will put soil back into the trench exactly in the order they found it, we know that these are promises that can never be kept in real life. Soil health and productivity will inevitably be damaged, certainly for a considerably longer period than the three years of compensation the company offers.

Construction that damages native forests, prairie, wetlands, rock outcrops, Native American burial sites and other natural areas in Linn County cannot be considered wise and sustainable land use and should not be enabled by the IUB. Construction through, around, and under those areas will inevitably irreversibly damage them. We value our wild spaces, historical sites, and diverse habitats. Killing two-hundred-year-old oak trees for the profits of a private company is disrespectful of our people and land.

Farmers spend huge sums and a great deal of time to install tile lines to drain farm fields. While it is easy to say that every tile line will be repaired back to full function as the trench is filled, we know from the experiences of other farmers all over Iowa that the repairs almost never function as well as the original work. Please respect the work, time, and investments of Linn County's farmers.

Most of us are farmers so we appreciate the value of ethanol to our economy. However, we don't believe taxpayer dollars and eminent domain should be used to create permanent infrastructure in support of a fully mature industry that is apparently unable to grow more on its own. Landowners should not lose the future use of their own property - forever - on behalf of a short-term payoff for Wolf's and

ADM's investors and shareholders.

We realize that Wolf's proposal has nothing to do with addressing climate change, but rather is about greenwashing ethanol and collecting massive tax credits. However, if reducing CO2 in the atmosphere is a real goal, we believe there are plenty of low-cost, effective strategies that could be used by Linn County farmers and landowners like restoring prairie and forest, planting cover crops, and no-till that should be encouraged.

We have a responsibility to represent the citizens who elected us to office as commissioners of the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District. On their behalf, we oppose the use of eminent domain to take property rights from farmers and landowners for the benefit of private, big-money investors whose only real interest in the pipelines proposed to cross Iowa is to capture the very lucrative tax credits available to them. Please show Linn County landowners that you value them more than you do pipeline investors. Refuse to approve eminent domain for the Wolf/ADM pipeline.

Thank you,
Linn Soil and Water Conservation District

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