

## **Customer Objection Form Submission**

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### **Objection to be filed in Docket Nos.:**

- HLP-2021-0003 (*Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC*; Petition for Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit)

The Armstrong City Council, located in Emmet County, would like to formally file an objection letter to the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines in Iowa. Currently, plans show the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline would run within a few miles of the City of Armstrong. Research shows that liquid CO<sub>2</sub> causes severe respiratory, circulatory, and nervous system problems that result in death. The severe environmental consequences and loss of life as a result of a leak is an unnecessary health risk for all of our citizens. Within our small town, is a high school, nursing home, assisted living center, several daycares, local businesses, and private residences. It would be virtually impossible to ensure a timely evacuation of our town and save lives if a leak would occur. We also know that local firefighters and EMS do not have the adequate training or equipment to respond to a leak. The closest unit equipped to respond is located in Mason City, which is one hour and thirty-five minutes from our city limits. This excessive response time is another major concern for our citizens. In addition to the enormous health concerns of the proposed pipeline, we believe the location of this toxic pipeline would have a negative economic impact on the value of property within our city. We have heard concerns from citizens that the value of their businesses and residences would decrease with the location of the pipeline.

We ask that you decline the permit application for the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline based on dire health and safety concerns, as well as negative economic impact on our community. We believe there are other viable ways to reduce carbon emissions within our state and look forward to seeking safer answers to this situation. The Iowa Utilities Board should side with the people of this state, rather than support the profit of private companies.

Armstrong City Council