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Iowa Utilities Board 1375 East Court Ave. Ds Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

Dear Board Members,

The members of the City Council for the City of Gruver in Emmet County, Iowa would like to express their opposition to the issuing of permits establishing the application of eminent domain. This is for both the Sumit Carbon Solutions, and the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project, which has been slated to be constructed through Emmet County.

The council site the following concerns:

-This is a new and untested technology.

-Any rupture or leak is catastrophic. The pure CO2 that is released is an ororless, colorless gas that acts as an asphyxiant to all living begins. It causes people to become disoriented and unconscious. Internal combustion engines cannot operate and so people cannot leave in their cars and people cannot drive to the scene of the rupture to render aid.

-First responders do not have the necessary training or equipment to deal with a potential mass casualty event involving a CO2 pipeline rupture.

-CO2 acidifies water when it makes contact.

-The land will be adversely affected. Tile lines will be cut causing disruption of flow throughout the area. The top soil will be greatly disturbed leading to decreased productivity of the land. CO2 is "plant food" and needed for crops to grow. Hence taking it out of the atmosphere will cause a decrease in crop yield.

We respectfully ask that you take into consideration of the health and welfare of all peoples that would be affected by this pipeline and deny permits to both the Summit Carbon Solutions, and the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project.

Sincerely,

Tony Hanson Mayor

Brett Grems

Brent Baddeley Council Member

Fred Knaack Counci<u>l</u> Member Wes Baddeley Council Member

Rick Wolfe Council Member April 3, 2023

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