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RE: Summit Pipeline HLP-2021-001 Navigator Pipeline HLP-2021-0003

March 6, 2023

## Dear Board Members,

The City of Wallingford is writing to express our opposition to the proposed CO2 pipeline projects and this encroachment of our residents' private property rights planned for our area. Our town will be greatly affected by both proposed lines. In particular, the Navigator route that is mapped/planned to run extremely close to the North end of our town. This raises a great safety concern for our surrounding residents. A gas of this type is very dangerous and deadly by being odorless, colorless, and combustible with a heavy specific gravity to collect at ground/low lying areas. This is a great concern for our city residents, rural residents with their crops/farmland, livestock and surrounding wildlife. Our residents' livelihoods will be greatly impacted financially and will ensue issues with insurability for their property and possibly health wise. Citizens are being told they will not be covered by insurance in the case of rupture due to a clause of "pollution exclusion" that is common in most polices. This places a huge level of uncertainty upon the thriving farms at the center of our community.

Any leak would leave our residents helpless to evacuate the area and would be a catastrophic event for all local and surrounding emergency responders. These concerns are compounded and put many at great risk without adequately being able to render aid in the event of a rupture. In addition, the use of internal combustion engines around this gas, would further hinder the response and rescue. This is a weighing concern and risk for all the local emergency responders. When considering all these factors and with the lack of proper equipment and training that is associated with a Hazardous/Disaster event these pipelines would be a hindrance for our community.

Regarding these topics and other reasons, we object to the pipeline projects and ask that the requested permits be denied.

Respectfully Submitted, City of Wallingford 101 St. James Ave. /P.O. Box 365 Wallingford, IA 51365

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