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Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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Executive Secretary**

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

RE: Docket No. HLP-2014-0001

Dear Iowa Utilities Board:

We understand that the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) received a letter from some members of the Iowa House of Representatives. The previous letter does not reflect the beliefs or feelings of the entire general assembly. We are writing to you today to ask the IUB to give fair consideration to the pipeline permit requested by Dakota Access, LLC.

We believe the Iowa general assembly should refrain from requesting additional requirements and let the IUB continue their professional, unbiased review of the project.

Our understanding is that the Dakota Access pipeline will be subject to significant environmental regulation and scrutiny through extensive applicable laws at the local, state and federal level intended to protect Iowa's natural resources. Dakota Access has further assured us that they have surveyed and will continue to survey for wetlands, cultural resources, wells, protected areas, threatened and endangered species and other sensitive areas to meet or exceed what is required by state and federal regulations.

We encourage the board to review the evidence independently and ask questions to explore the benefits of the pipeline, and to make sure that the environmental protections we understand to be present are, in fact, the case.

Sincerely,

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