

## RESOLUTION BY TRUSTEES OF COTTON HILL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS on July 25, 2022, Navigator Heartland Greenway L.L.C. filed an Application for Certificate of Authority with the State of Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC"), seeking an order authorizing it to construct and operate a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipeline system in Illinois and, if and when necessary, to take and acquire easements and interest in private property through the exercise of eminent domain;

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of the pipeline will run in close proximity and through portions of Cotton Hill Township;

WHEREAS the elected officials of Cotton Hill Township oppose the construction of a CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline in our township based upon the following facts and concerns:

- A CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines would pose a direct threat to the health and safety of the residents of Cotton Hill Township because of the inherent risks associated with pipe ruptures in these lines.
- Residents of Cotton Hill Township would be negatively impacted by living under the constant threat of a CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline rupture, leak or explosion.
- On February 22, 2020, a carbon pipeline rupture occurred in Satartia, Mississippi causing damage to property, the evacuation of approximately 300 people and the hospitalization of 50 people.
- Residents of Cotton Hill Township would need to pay increased taxes to allow the Cotton Hill Fire Protection and Emergency Services Departments to become adequately equipped and trained to respond to a carbon pipeline rupture, and changes would need to include all purchase of electric emergency response vehicles of the sort that can safely operate in the proximity of a CO<sub>2</sub> rupture.
- If construction of carbon pipeline is permitted, Cotton Hill Township residents and businesses will be faced with the undue financial burden of purchasing carbon dioxide detectors, alarm systems, air supply breathing equipment, and appropriate vehicles, all of which are necessary to detect, survive and escape from a pipeline rupture.
- Residents would likely experience reduced property values if they are forced to



have a CO2 Pipeline through their property, as any reasonable person would choose to buy

property without a CO2 Pipeline or near a CO2 Pipeline, all other factors being equal.

- The foreseeable reduction in property values and the hope of alternative retail, commercial, or other productive, tax-paying development along a CO2 Pipeline route will diminish the fiscal health of the Township tax base.
- Currently, there is a lack of regulation and oversight over carbon pipeline construction high which has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The PHMSA recently announced, on May 26, 2022 a plan to initiate a new rulemaking process with a goal of strengthening its safety oversight of carbon dioxide (CO2) pipelines as well as enforcing actions against Denbury Gulf Coast Pipelines for its CO2 pipeline but that plan is in the formation stages and will not be sufficiently developed to protect the citizens of Cotton Hill Township during the construction of this proposed pipeline.

WHEREAS, at a minimum, in light of the PHMSA creating new measures for CO2 Pipeline Safety, the Illinois Commerce Commission should not grant any CO2 Pipeline the right to build in Illinois until the new safety measures are finalized, and

WHEREAS, we as elected officials of Cotton Hill Township and our elected officials in Sangamon County need time to review these new PHMSA measures and enact ordinances to protect our residents and ensure CO2 Pipelines must adhere to both the PHMSA measures and any additional measures we find to be in the best interest of our residents' safety and general welfare, and

WHEREAS, as the elected officials of Cotton Hill Township, we are responsible for the upkeep of all Township Roads, CO2 pipelines threaten drainage of farm fields which can cause standing water on our roads, and

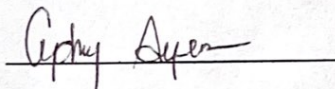
WHEREAS as stewards of tax dollars and the public trust we oppose this entire CO2 Pipeline scheme as a false and unproven method of helping the environment, and



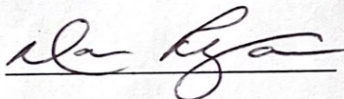
WHEREAS the Federal tax dollars subsidizing this CO2 Pipeline could be much better spent on more proven methods of reducing carbon dioxide emissions without the need to use Eminent Domain and put our Township residents at permanent risk of CO2 Pipeline leaks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the elected officials of Cotton Hill Township that we hereby oppose the construction and use of eminent domain for any CO2 Pipeline in Cotton Hill Township and urge Sangamon County and the Illinois Commerce Commission to join us in opposing CO2 pipelines to protect the health and safety of our residents.

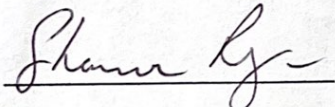
Signed by the Trustees of Cotton Hill this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2022



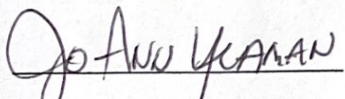
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