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Dear Member,

As your representatives on the Christian County Farm Bureau board, we feel it is our duty to look out for the best interest of our members and keep you informed. We have closely watched and participated in the topic of the carbon pipeline and had discussions internally and externally to conclude that we are in opposition to the Navigator CO2 "Heartland Greenway" project.

The CCFB board is concerned about:

- The long-term impact to the environment & economic value of property while liquifying, transporting, and storing CO2 under Illinois' fertile soils.
- The numerous concerns about the safety of this pipeline and storage project. These include:
 - High operating pressure within the pipeline itself.
 - The fact that CO2 is a hazardous material that can cause asphyxiation to humans, animals, and livestock in the event of a pipeline leak or rupture.
 - The plume movement of liquified CO2 once stored underground.

From an environmental and climate change policy standpoint, carbon capture and storage (CCS) in its current state is a heavily subsidized and inefficient use of public and private resources as a climate change solution. In our opinion, it does not solve the root cause of CO2 emissions, just relocates the waste through and under Central Illinois.

Above all, we steadfastly support farmer and landowner rights. We believe if Navigator CO2 is granted eminent domain for this project, it would set an extremely dangerous precedence for future eminent domain in the name of climate change and renewable energy projects.

Illinois Farm Bureau policy states that, "We oppose the use of eminent domain in the taking of private property for the purpose of economic development by private parties."

One of our most important responsibilities as a Board is to promote the general welfare and protect the rights of our members. If you are not currently a member but would like to support our efforts in being a voice for agriculture, please go to www.myifb.org or call our office at 217-824-2940 to start the process.

Sincerely,

Mathew Heberling, President

Christian County Farm Bureau