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Dear Senator Turner,

On behalf of the Logan County Board, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 3441, the Safety Moratorium on Carbon Dioxide Pipelines Act. We believe that this bill is crucial in safeguarding the well-being of our communities and environment while ensuring thorough and comprehensive safety measures are in place regarding carbon dioxide pipelines.

Senate Bill 3441 proposes to establish a temporary statewide moratorium on the construction of carbon dioxide pipelines until essential studies at both the federal and state levels are conducted. This initiative aligns with our commitment to prioritizing the safety and welfare of our residents. By requiring comprehensive studies on the safety of carbon dioxide pipelines, including input from first responders and analysis of potential risks such as ruptures or leaks, this bill takes proactive steps towards mitigating potential hazards.

Furthermore, we commend the provisions outlined in Senate Bill 3441, such as the requirement for setbacks and funding based on thorough analysis. These measures not only enhance the safety standards but also ensure that adequate resources are allocated to support emergency response efforts and necessary actions at carbon sequestration sites.

The temporary moratorium proposed by this bill, set to expire after four years or upon the establishment of new safety standards, demonstrates a balanced approach towards addressing the issue of carbon dioxide pipelines. We appreciate the consideration given to various stakeholders and the inclusion of provisions aimed at protecting our environment, including a ban on the use of captured carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery and requirements regarding greenhouse gas lifecycle analysis.

In conclusion, the Logan County Board fully endorses Senate Bill 3441 and urges its swift passage. We believe that enacting this legislation will serve to uphold the safety of our communities, preserve our natural resources, and promote responsible environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Emily Davenport
Logan County Board Chairman