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98 IA Democratic Party leaders issue statement r/ IUB ruling on carbon pipeline

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Greetings,

I'm reaching out with the below announcement detailing a statement released by 98 leaders of the Iowa Democratic Party denouncing the Iowa Utilities Board's decision to approve the use of eminent domain to acquire land for Summit's carbon pipeline.

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On Thursday, June 27, 98 leaders of the Iowa Democratic Party released a statement denouncing the Iowa Utilities Board decision to approve the use of eminent domain for Summit Carbon Solutions' carbon pipeline:

We, the undersigned leaders of the Iowa Democratic Party, are extremely disappointed with the Iowa Utilities Board's recent approval of the use of eminent domain to acquire landowners' property for construction of the Summit carbon capture pipeline. This short-term gain for big agribusiness only hurts the long-term sustainability of rural Iowa and the state of Iowa as a whole.

Corporate profits are being prioritized over rural and environmental justice. By the use of eminent domain to enrich the pockets of the few, rural communities are being sacrificed through their land, water, and vitality. Not only does this affect rural Iowa, but those Iowans who live in larger municipalities will also suffer the consequences of the overproduction of corn with higher costs of water and further degradation of the Iowa landscape.

As Iowa Democratic Party leaders, we stand in alignment with Iowa Democratic Platform Plank #85 opposing eminent domain abuse and Plank #53 opposing carbon capture storage.

It is our sincere hope this pipeline will eventually be stopped for the safety and health of all Iowans.

Signatories:

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