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RE: Case No. PU-06-421

I am writing today to urge your favorable consideration of the siting application filed by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LLC for construction of the proposed pipeline from Cavalier to Sargent counties.

I think it is significant to note that I have not had any phone calls, emails, or personal contact initiated by any constituent who wanted to contact me to voice opposition to this project. I have, however, been approached by a number of city leaders, township officers, county commissioners and citizens who were strongly supportive of the project.

As elected officials, we have an obligation to listen to the concerns of the citizens of our state who do oppose a project of this type. It is my perception that you have done an exemplary job of hearing those concerns in a fair and impartial manner. All types of energy development involve some level of risk. It is my opinion, and that of many of my constituents, that the benefits of this project are many and significantly outweigh the very minimal risks. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit my comments for the record.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Olafson

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