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### **Pipeline Safety Trust Releases Paper Detailing Significant Safety Risks and Massive Regulatory Shortfalls in Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Regulation**

BELLINGHAM, Washington [March 30, 2022] – In response to the recent flurry of multibillion-dollar CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline proposals driven by the expanded tax credit incentives provided by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure bill, The Pipeline Safety Trust (PST) released a report prepared by the independent consultant Accufacts highlighting the multitude of issues a major CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline buildout poses.

Carbon dioxide has different physical properties from products typically moved in our current hazardous hydrocarbon liquid or natural gas transmission pipeline system. Those differences pose unique safety hazards to the public.

“CO<sub>2</sub> is an asphyxiant which is heavier than air and therefore, after a pipeline rupture, a plume can maintain a lethal concentration over large distances,” PST executive director Bill Caram said. “There are little to no regulations around appropriate siting, limiting dangerous and corrosive impurities, or building the pipelines to withstand the unique properties of transporting high pressure CO<sub>2</sub>.”

PST believes existing federal regulations do not allow for the safe transportation of CO<sub>2</sub> via pipelines and calls on the Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA) to update its regulations of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines as quickly as possible.

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