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Dear Member,

It's time to think about what carbon sequestration means not only for Dakota Ethanol, but for all of South Dakota agriculture. We, as the board of Lake Area Processors/Dakota Ethanol, along with a statewide contingent of ethanol proponents, corn growers and landowners believe that losing the carbon pipeline will damage the entire ag economy, cost our state billions and hurt every South Dakotan.

We encourage you to join us in learning more and promoting a win-win solution for South Dakota. [Protect South Dakota's Ag Future](#) is a solutions-based local organization created to support carbon sequestration in a way that will benefit all of South Dakota—*it is not associated with or funded by Summit Carbon Solutions*. Without access to carbon sequestration, South Dakota's ethanol producers will be locked out of growing and essential low carbon ethanol markets and the potential for sustainable aviation fuel. Half of our state's corn crop, grown for ethanol production, will lose its markets for sale.

We understand that this is a complex situation, and that is why Protect South Dakota's Ag Future has been formed by stakeholders—ethanol plants, corn growers, landowners—here in South Dakota to ensure that South Dakota pipelines are built the South Dakota way: with fair compensation, support for value-added agriculture and potential for future economic development. South Dakotans need to come together to construct a win-win pipeline scenario and avoid suffering an unthinkable economic loss.

We encourage you to:

- [Assess the situation](#)
 - Opposition to the carbon sequestration pipeline can keep South Dakota ethanol producers and corn growers from accessing essential markets.
- [Learn the facts](#)
 - Carbon pipelines are safe; carbon is non-explosive and not flammable.
- [Consider what is at stake for the state](#)
 - \$1.2 billion investment, \$257 million in labor income, \$99 million in state and local tax revenue, \$53 million in annual expenditures
- [Join the coalition](#)
 - Whether you are an impacted landowner, an ag producer or a business/organization representative, your support matters.

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