

With an eye on the infrastructure bill containing billions for carbon capture and storage, Bruce Rastetter formed an offshoot of his Summit Ag Group, Summit Carbon Solutions. He armed this newly created entity with his advisor, Terry Branstad, who has appointed two of the three members of the Iowa Utilities Board. The IUB is the governing body that will grant or deny the permit for the Midwest Carbon Express. The stage was set to usurp over 700 miles of farmland in Iowa alone. Rastetter's plan is to collect carbon dioxide from ethanol plants injecting it into a web of pipelines and pumping it under extreme pressures to North Dakota for storage underground. Our farmers will provide the ingredients (corn) and our ethanol plants will provide the product (carbon dioxide) and Summit will reap the profits. However, Mr. Rastetter has been quoted saying this project would not be possible without enhanced oil recovery which invalidates the claim of carbon reduction (greenwashing). He aims to cash in from massive taxpayer subsidies and tax credits. The goal is to collect 12 million tons of CO2 per year raking in \$50 or more per ton! The price of this structure is to be shouldered by us, the taxpayers through the 45Q tax credits. Affected landowners bear the burden of damage to their land resulting in production loss and relinquishing the rights to their property forever. We are not partners with Summit, but will be asked to hand over our land which is absolutely essential for the pipeline project. Should the IUB grant a permit for this project, the threat of eminent domain looms large.

Carbon sequestration technology is unproven posing toxicity and asphyxiation dangers when a pipeline ruptures. Science does not support the promise of "permanent storage". We cannot allow a private company to covet land safeguarded and cared for by those providing food to the world for generations for their personal profit.

Branstad recently attacked the Sierra Club, which is helping to organize those opposed to this project, in the media and with a letter sent to landowners. There is a difference between a private company saying, "shut up, trust us, sign away your rights to your own land" and a non-profit saying, "band together, you have a choice".

Voice your objections on the IUB open docket form HLP-2021-001(for Summit aka Midwest Carbon Express) and HLP 2021-003 (for Navigator aka Heartland Greenway) electronically <https://iub.iowa.gov/online-services/open-docket-comment-form>, by email at [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov), or mail to 1375 E Court Ave, DesMoines, IA 50319