Say NO to carbon dioxide pipelines proposed for Iowa!

Iowa has three carbon dioxide pipeline proposals. They are centered around carbon capture and storage (CCS). CCS is very complicated but when you boil it down, the basic premise is that it captures carbon dioxide and stores it underground. The carbon dioxide (CO2) can also be used for enhanced oil recovery, the process of pumping CO2 into dwindling oil fields to get the last bit of oil out of the ground. The carbon dioxide is put under such extreme pressure that it becomes a liquid; that liquid is moved through the pipelines. Pressurized carbon dioxide is incredibly dangerous. A pipeline leak or break could poison, and even asphyxiate, surrounding communities and first responders, pets, livestock, and wildlife.

Three carbon dioxide pipelines have been proposed in Iowa:
- Summit Carbon Solutions, aka Bruce Rastetter’s CO2 Pipeline, collects carbon dioxide from ethanol and fertilizer plants and transports it to North Dakota where it will be stored underground or will be used for enhanced oil recovery.
- Navigator Heartland Greenway collects carbon dioxide from ethanol and fertilizer plants in Iowa and sends it to Illinois where it will be stored underground or it may be used for enhanced oil recovery.
- Wolf Carbon Solutions is partnering with ADM to run a carbon dioxide pipeline from Cedar Rapids to Clinton, Iowa, and then onto Decatur, Illinois.

Carbon Capture and Storage is a false solution that takes us farther away from our climate goals.

Although both Summit and Navigator claim that they are going to permanently store the carbon dioxide underground, we have strong evidence and statements from both companies that they will use the CO2 for enhanced oil recovery.

We already know the solutions to our climate crisis - we must end our dependence on fossil fuels and invest in solar, wind, battery storage, conservation and efficiency! CCS continues business as usual and delays investment in REAL climate solutions.

- The carbon dioxide pipelines in Iowa are being offered as false climate solutions, especially if they will be utilized for enhanced oil recovery and extending the life of the ethanol industry.
- The pipelines will extend the life of polluting ethanol industry and industrial agriculture practices that have contributed to our climate crisis, water pollution, and more.
- These pipeline projects do not address other emissions or forms of pollution from fossil fuel extraction and industrial agriculture.
- These pipelines allow for the extension of fossil fuel extraction through enhanced oil recovery.

Let’s invest in REAL climate solutions.

These pipelines will only be feasible with massive public subsidies called 45Q federal tax credits.

We want real climate solutions - not greenwashing schemes!