

7. Resolution Opposing Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), Supporting Private Property Rights, and Condemning the Use of Eminent Domain for CO² Pipelines – NDGOP Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS: Corporations within the energy sector are capitalizing on the false premise of a looming climate apocalypse by introducing CCS projects into North Dakota which would require the acquisition of land across various states, affecting numerous landowners and communities; and eminent domain is being considered to acquire the necessary land for the pipeline; and

WHEREAS: The affected landowners and communities have expressed strong opposition to the use of eminent domain, arguing that it unjustly benefits a private entity at the expense of their property rights and local autonomy, demonstrating that there is a need for greater transparency, community involvement, and rigorous environmental and safety assessments in the planning and implementation of large-scale infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS: The North Dakota Republican Party supports the right of individual citizens to own and benefit from private real property ownership and further affirms that the individual's right of ownership should be the "primary purpose" inherent in the use and value of their real property, and

WHEREAS: The Fifth Amendment to the US Constitution protects private property from public use without just compensation; and

WHEREAS: There are substantial unanswered questions about the environmental benefits of these projects, their associated risks, and the long-term viability of CCS technology; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party condemns the use of eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines and calls for an immediate halt to any such actions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party urges relevant governmental bodies to seek alternative solutions that do not infringe upon the property rights of individuals, that respect environmental and safety concerns, and that involve meaningful consultation and consent from the affected communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party opposes the use of State funds to educate the public on the benefits of CCS that are contrary to the will and interests of private property owners; and opposes the fascism of mutually beneficial partnerships between government and private energy corporations created under the pretext of climate change, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports legislation that prevents the infringement of individual property rights without just compensation and provides legislative oversight of administrative rules that carry the force and effect of law.