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CCS LETTER OF OPPOSITION

Wabash County Board of Commissioners  
Cheryl Ross  
Jeff Dawes  
Tyler Niccum  
One West Hill Street, Suite 102  
Wabash, IN 46992

Dear Wabash County Indiana Board of Commissioners;

As a resident of Wabash County Indiana, and or, an owner of land therein, I oppose the Carbon Capture Sequestration project that POET and VAULT 44.01 have expressed interest of constructing, in Wabash County Indiana.

First, in my opinion, I do not feel like these two companies have acted in a very open, transparent or forthcoming manner with the general public, regarding the full details of their proposed CCS project.

In my opinion, the only people who will enjoy any economic benefit from this project are the two companies who stand to profit, in one way or another, from the government funded (taxpayer), 45Q carbon credits associated with CCS.

It is my understanding that this CO2 will be injected into Wabash County land for a period of 12 years, which happens to coincide with the same timeframe that these 45Q credits are valid for. What will be done with the CO2 after the 12-year injection period?

Currently POET uses a Regenerative Process to deal with their CO2, which introduces no new CO2 into our atmosphere, the details of which can be easily obtained on their website. I have some concerns about their new process (CCS) they want to advance with, which I would like to share with you.

The first is the fact that CCS activity can cause earthquakes. A quick online search will show you that as more companies inject into the Mount Simon Sandstone formation, the more frequent those earthquakes could become.

I am concerned with the contamination of our aquifer system / drinking water. I am worried that the highly pressurized CO2 could push up saltwater brine, lead, mercury, arsenic or other heavy metals, as well as the CO2 itself, into our drinking water.

I am concerned with how this could also potentially negatively affect our subsoils, and how that might impact crop production in the future. I understand that the CO2 could mix with the saltwater brine in the Mount Simon Sandstone formation to form carbonic acid, which could possibly corrode metals, as well as eat away at the very formation they are hoping will contain it safely, forever.

Another concern I have is the risk of asphyxiation of nearby residents, should a pipe burst, as has happened in other places in the past. I am also worried that property rights could be jeopardized during this project. Finally, I am worried about how this might negatively affect home and land prices for some residents in Wabash County if this project were allowed to proceed.

I understand that at some point after the injection is finished, that ALL liability from this CCS project will be shifted off of these two companies and onto the state of Indiana, releasing them from the responsibility of any negative consequences that may show up in the future, related to the previous CCS activity.


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As a commissioner, you all play a very key role in this CCS project. Therefore, I am asking you, as Wabash County Commissioners, to please make the safety of the citizens of Wabash County your top priority concerning any decisions you make regarding this proposed CCS project.

You have the power, duty, and the responsibility to not only protect the current residents of Wabash County, but also the future generations to come, that you and I will never meet. By signing this letter, I am hereby stating my opposition to the aforementioned Carbon Capture Sequestration project in Wabash County Indiana.

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Printed name:

Signature: 

Date: 4-15-26

Address: 150 N. Wilson IN

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Signature: Zachary Donaldson  
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