

Governor Branstad
Iowa State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

January 21, 2016

Dear Governor Branstad,

The people of Iowa have spoken. Hundreds spoke out against the Bakken Pipeline at public hearings, thousands submitted objections to the Iowa Utilities Board, and nearly 4,000 petitioned your office asking that you take action to block this risky proposal. To date, you have been silent in the face of this affront to Iowa values in spite of the groundswell of Iowans raising concerns and fighting to preserve the safety and wellbeing of their communities.

Over a year ago we stood before you demanding that you take action to protect Iowa's soil, water, and communities by standing with us in opposition to this pipeline. At that point you instead chose to defer to the state agencies overseeing the permitting process, absolving yourself of responsibility. Iowans have endured this permitting process over the past 14 months. From meetings conducted by the Iowa Utilities Board, Iowa DNR, and the Army Corps of Engineers, one thing is clear: none of these agencies are equipped to adequately protect Iowans from the risks that the Bakken Pipeline will bring to Iowa.

In order to protect the best interest of everyday Iowans, we demand that you:

1. Hold a public meeting before the IUB rules on the Bakken Pipeline case to ensure the public that you and your staff have heard the concerns of Iowans directly.
2. Offer direct response to public concerns, detailing the precautions the state of Iowa is taking to protect landowners from eminent domain abuse, as well as protect our soil, water, communities, and climate from the Bakken Pipeline.
3. Reply to this request by February 8th, the start of the Iowa Utilities Board's deliberations.

The Bakken Pipeline will impact Iowans from all walks of life. We have a vision for an Iowa with healthy vibrant communities run by renewable energy. We demand that you take immediate action to support this vision, rather than undermine our way of life by remaining silent on this issue.

Sincerely,

The Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition