

July 14, 2023

Honorable Sangamon County Board Member  
Sangamon County Board  
200 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Board Member:

I write today to proudly register the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's support of the proposed Heartland Greenway project, the carbon dioxide pipeline-carbon sequestration project that will traverse five states, including parts of Sangamon County. I ask for your support of this project, as this project and others like it are critical economic development tools that will bring significant benefits to your county and our State.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is proud to support the premier carbon capture pipeline project spanning across the Midwest. Navigator CO<sub>2</sub>'s Heartland Greenway operation will capture carbon emissions from over 30 ethanol facilities and transport them over a mile underground for permanent and safe storage.

The construction of such a project provides Illinois corn growers and ethanol producers with the opportunity to expand their market reach and receive a premium for their clean, renewable bioethanol. Participating ethanol facilities have the potential to increase their annual revenue gains between \$20 and \$40 million per plant. And rural processors who purchase corn from local farmers end up paying a premium for each bushel to supply that corn to those facilities.

The economic benefits from this large-scale clean energy operation reaches a variety of sectors. In Illinois, the capital investment for this project is estimated to be \$795 million and create 3,565 employment opportunities during peak construction.

Navigator CO<sub>2</sub> has also signed a letter of intent with the trade unions to use local, highly skilled workers to complete the construction of the Heartland Greenway system. These jobs will be high-paying and go to the men and women who live and work in our local communities.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is excited about the economic opportunities this project creates for our local community members and rural industries, while also providing clean energy opportunities for our Midwest bioethanol producers, and urges the Board to avoid taking action that will imperil a project that stands to benefit everyone.

Cordially,

Clark Kaericher  
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Illinois Chamber