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Ms. Sharon Payt  
Legislative Assistant  
Office of the Honorable Senator Brownback  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Room 303  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Payt,

Thank you for your information on Talisman Energy. It is always helpful for me to speak with someone who has been "in-country" and can report on a situation with authority. I am Manager for Social Investing at the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our Church has a position in Talisman, and I am researching our options. The information you provided this morning was quite helpful.

If I may be so bold, I suggest the Senator write a letter to Faith-based pension funds expressing his view on this matter. I further suggest this letter take the form of a summarized "situation report," establishing the facts in this case and suggesting action. This action might take the form of shareholder resolutions or divestment.

Our Church is very concerned about human rights around the world. ELCA just issued a "Statement on Economic Life" calling for Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All. I invite you to review this statement at <http://www.faithandlifeforum.org/>

Thanks again for your help.

William Michael Cunningham  
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