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1 MR. JEFFREY DAVEAU, SR.: My name is
2 Jeffrey Daveau. J-E-F-F-R-E-Y, D-A-V-E-A-U. And
3 I'm a senior. I live at 6260 Seville Road, Saginaw,
4 Minnesota 55779?

5 I'm here as a resident of Minnesota and
6 also an officer of the Duluth Building and
7 Construction Trade and a member of the Plumbers and
8 Steamfitters Local 11, representing 700 members just
9 in the plumbers and steamfitters.

10 We work in northern Minnesota, northern
11 Wisconsin. These projects are very financially
12 beneficial to the men and women I represent on the
13 installation, fabrication, and maintenance of these
14 systems.

15 I want to voice my support of the
16 proposed Line 3 pipeline replacement project in
17 Minnesota. The need for the pipeline has easily
18 been shown by the demand for fuel used in
19 transportation. One example is people that came to
20 the hearing to speak in favor and opposition drove
21 cars and trucks that used the very fuels that are in
22 question.

23 The American economy is still very
24 dependent on fossil fuel; and until that changes and
25 we have a real alternative to fossil fuels that can

1 be used by all, we will be transporting these fuels
2 by one means or another.

3 The concern for spills of the pipeline is
4 continually being addressed by Enbridge by using
5 smart pigs checking the pipelines; new, improved
6 materials that last longer for the pipes; and the
7 coatings on any of the new installations.

8 The safest and most economic means of
9 transporting fuels is by pipeline. The Line 3
10 replacement is a needed project to continue a safe
11 means of sending oil that would not be a burden on
12 the taxpayers, unlike updating the railroad
13 infrastructure that we'll be asking the taxpayers to
14 help subsidize the much needed improvements to try
15 to keep rail traffic safe.

16 The pipelines very seldom run through
17 very populated areas, unlike railcars and trucks
18 that are also transporting the fuels. If an
19 accident happens while a train or a truck is going
20 through a town or near a school, the loss of life
21 and injuries could be huge where, on the other hand,
22 the pipe may have a leak; and with the newly-updated
23 systems on the pipeline, it would have minimal
24 health and danger of life as a result. The cleanup
25 would be the burden of the pipeline company and not

1 the taxpayers.

2 I also feel that Enbridge is being a good
3 steward for our environment by replacing the
4 pipeline before it has leaking issues by cleaning
5 the existing pipeline in the ground and abandoning
6 the old pipeline in place. It is less evasive to
7 the area that the other pipelines are currently
8 running through.

9 As a homeowner in Minnesota and a
10 representative of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local
11 11, I ask to please approve the much-needed project
12 not only for work of my members, but also for the
13 safety of the State of Minnesota.

14 Pipelines are the safest means of moving
15 the projects across the country.

16 MR. JOHN FISHER-MERRITT: My name is John
17 Fisher-Merritt. J-O-H-N. F-I-S-H-E-R, dash,
18 M-E-R-R-I-T-T.

19 Okay. I'm a farmer in Carlton County;
20 and I originally got into this fight, attempting to
21 prevent the Sandpiper from crossing my organic farm.
22 But I think the stakes are higher than my first real
23 concern. I think that the DIS -- or is it the
24 DEIS -- okay -- falls short of addressing the impact
25 of the proposed Line 3 expansion and relocation.

1 You notice I didn't say replacement.

2 In terms of the social cost of carbon, a
3 30-year time span would result in costs around
4 287 billion, according to the EIS, proposed EIS.
5 However, many pipelines operate for 60 years.
6 Therefore, the DEIS should include climate costs
7 that assume a 60-year or greater lifespan, more like
8 \$600 billion instead of 287.

9 The DEIS should not take Enbridge's word
10 for it that the pipe would be monitored
11 indefinitely. I think the pipe, which is a major
12 concern of tribes and landowners, the old Line 3
13 pipe, would be ignored indefinitely, instead of
14 monitored indefinitely.

15 And that's all I wanted to say. I could
16 talk on more and more, but I know that time is of
17 the essence.

18 MR. GALEN SILLAMPA: Galen Sillampa.
19 G-A-L-E-N, first name. Sillampa, S as in Sam, I as
20 in issue, L as in Larry, L as in Larry, A as in
21 apple, M as in Mary, P as in Paul, A as in apple.

22 Please consider expanding the pipeline.
23 We all need to pray to our highest power for
24 guidance in all that we do, trusting in him to do
25 his bidding. There is sufficient oil in this

1 country so that we do not have to rely so heavily on
2 foreign imports.

3 MR. ARNOLD COLLMAN: Arnold Collman,
4 C-O-L-L-M-A-N. I'm retired from the county highway
5 department. I worked there 30 years. To me it's a
6 no-brainer. If I worked for Enbridge -- this is
7 if -- I would shut all the pipelines off, down
8 completely, because that's what I'm hearing here.
9 We don't -- people are saying we don't need
10 pipelines. Shut them off; then see what happens.
11 But our whole society runs on petroleum.

12 And I made a comment in the Pine Journal
13 at a meeting similar to this, that if you live in
14 the woods, ride a bicycle to town, you don't need
15 oil.

16 But I got a question. How many bicycles
17 do you see in the parking lot? I see one. The rest
18 are cars and trucks.

19 Okay. Pipelines move oil pretty safely.
20 And until something better comes along, there isn't
21 much of a choice, is there?

22 That's it.

23 MR. CHUCK NELSON: The name is
24 Chuck Nelson, C-H-U-C-K, N-E-L-S-O-N.

25 Another pipeline proposal -- it seems to

1 me Minnesota is crisscrossed with pipelines. No
2 doubt some have been necessary. Today, however, we
3 are entering a time when renewable energy -- when
4 renewables, energy efficiency, and conservation are
5 clearly demonstrating a wiser course.

6 At this time, rather than risking
7 Minnesota land and waters to allow investors to
8 profit from the tar in Canada, let us be prudent,
9 deny the permit for Enbridge 3, encourage safer
10 renewables. In ten years there will likely be
11 pipeline removal proposals.

12 (Comments concluded.)
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