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1 MR. MEL OLSON: Mel, M-E-L, Olson,
2 O-L-S-O-N. I live in Duluth, Minnesota, and I'm
3 here to show support for the Line 3 pipe
4 replacement. I do so because pipeline
5 transportation of petroleum products is the safest,
6 most efficient method hands down without debate.
7 We have an aging infrastructure, and it's the
8 prudent thing to do, to replace the line and
9 replace that aging infrastructure.

10 MR. MATT JOHNSON: Matt Johnson,
11 M-A-T-T, J-O-H-N-S-O-N, and I'm from Duluth,
12 Minnesota.

13 My name is Matt Johnson. I'm the
14 General Manager and Director of Risk Management for
15 J.R. Jensen Construction. I'm a graduate of
16 Bemidji State University and have been working in
17 the industrial and energy industry for the past 14
18 years.

19 Throughout this time, I've
20 completed numerous projects with Enbridge across
21 the Midwest and can say they are the most
22 professional, environmentally conscious, and
23 safety-driven companies we work for. Enbridge
24 practices and promotes industry-leading safety and
25 environmental policies and procedures.

1 They proactively work to eliminate
2 hazards to people, property, and the environment on
3 all their sites. Lessons learned are communicated
4 throughout North America to ensure opportunities
5 for improvement, and hazard corrections are
6 implemented immediately. Enbridge truly practices
7 what they preach and strongly enforce their
8 policies and procedures.

9 The replacement of Line 3 is needed
10 for two main reasons. One. There is still a huge
11 public need for oil and petroleum-based products in
12 our communities today. Regardless if you don't
13 consume a drop of gasoline, you're still a consumer
14 of oil. Everyday items we take for granted, such
15 as clothing, footwear, eyeglasses, contacts,
16 hunting and fishing equipment, carpeting,
17 appliances, and building materials, all require
18 oil.

19 Renewable energy sources, such as
20 solar and wind, have come a long way but are still
21 not self-sustaining. If we don't utilize oil from
22 North America and we rely on purchasing from
23 countries overseas, where it is extracted, refined,
24 and transported with much lower standards for
25 safety and environmental regulations.

1 Number 2. Pipelines are currently
2 the safest and most efficient way to transport oil.
3 They utilize the latest technology to move,
4 monitor, and maintain oil throughout the
5 transportation system. Once installed, their use
6 poses no direct safety hazard to the public.

7 In comparison, tanker trucks put a
8 direct and unnecessary risk to public motorists.
9 They cause significant damage to our roadways,
10 resulting in increased maintenance costs to the
11 taxpayers of our state. Numerous accidents were
12 caused in North Dakota by the increase in tanker
13 truck traffic due to overbooked rail lines, public
14 demand for oil, and the lack of pipeline
15 infrastructure.

16 Rail traffic also puts the public in
17 direct risk. Rail lines often run directly through
18 towns, residential neighbors, cross hundreds of
19 roads, waterways, and travel across old bridges.
20 An increase in oil traffic also affects the
21 transportation costs of other consumable goods.
22 When oil transport out of North Dakota increased,
23 the cost and availability of items typically
24 shipped by rail were affected. This directly
25 affected the average consumer and negatively

1 impacted our local economy.

2 In the safety industry, there are
3 two ways to handle hazards and risk. The first has
4 historically been that of reactivity. Learn from
5 past mistakes so to not repeat them. Recently
6 proactive thought processes have been the area of
7 focus. Correct all known and potential hazards
8 before they have the opportunity to become an
9 incident.

10 In my opinion, Enbridge is taking a
11 proactive approach with their plan to replace the
12 aging Line 3 with a new line built to today's
13 standards. Allowing Enbridge to upgrade their
14 existing Line 3 to a safer and more efficient
15 system is a smart choice for the state and is in
16 the best interests for the citizens of Minnesota.
17 I am proud to work with Enbridge and value the
18 service they provide to my family, community, and
19 business. Thank you for your time.

20 MS. MARY ACKERMAN: Mary Ackerman,
21 A-C-K-E-R-M-A-N. Mary, M-A-R-Y. I live in
22 Hackensack, Minnesota. Zip code, 56452. I have
23 four points to make.

24 Point 1. The seven spill sites
25 addressed in the draft are not representative of

1 the very sensitive and biodiverse land and waters
2 of this route. They do not address wild rice
3 wetlands, the St. Louis River tributaries, the
4 Nemadji, N-E-M-A-D-J-I, river tributaries, and the
5 Mississippi River or Lake Superior. All will be
6 impacted by the inevitable spills, leaks,
7 anomalies.

8 One thing we know for sure,
9 pipelines spill. Not if, only when. And the
10 product, tar sands, proposed for this Line 3 cannot
11 currently be cleaned up. There is no technology to
12 clean up water spills of this kind. None.

13 My first point. Expand the modeling
14 for water spill sites.

15 Point Number 2. The Enbridge permit
16 application cites what they would do to minimize
17 environmental impact. Nowhere does the draft
18 identify what outside entity will monitor these
19 promises and/or what regulations are in place to
20 ensure these promises are contractual.

21 My point. Name the outside entities
22 we can look to and show the contracts for this
23 critical process.

24 Point Number 3. In Chapter 11,
25 titled "Environmental Justice," the draft

1 acknowledges that any of the alternative routes
2 would be detrimental in the long-term for the
3 tribes impacted. This is Point 9.6. It says there
4 will be "profound cultural consequences." If this
5 route went through a town or city, would this still
6 be an option? Would it? Disproportionate and
7 adverse impacts is the language used in 11.5 of
8 that chapter.

9 My point. Choose a route that does
10 not have detrimental impact on the tribes of
11 Minnesota.

12 My Point 4. The preferred route
13 also impacts "more wild rice lakes and areas of
14 rich biodiversity than any of the other routes."
15 This is from Figure ES-10 in the draft. Why would
16 Minnesota risk that for a Canadian company's
17 profit? And I'm quoting again from Chapter 5, 3.4.
18 "All workers to construct the line would be
19 relocating to Minnesota." There will be "no
20 measurable impact on local employment, per capita
21 household income, median household income or
22 unemployment." Need I say, this doesn't track.

23 My point. The jobs argument put
24 forth by Enbridge does not hold for short- or
25 long-term employment for our unions.

1 The line risks some of our most
2 pristine wild rice lakes and areas of rich
3 biodiversity.

4 Get serious about another route now.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. ANNE DUNN: Anne Dunn, A-N-N-E,
7 capital D, U-N-N. I've lived on Leech Lake
8 Reservation for most of my life, and I'm in
9 agreement with our Native American DNR forest
10 representatives and land and water concerns of the
11 reservation, and we don't want any more pipelines
12 going through the reservation, and we also want the
13 old ones to be removed that aren't any good.

14 We think they're probably pretty
15 faulty after 60 years, but my main concern is that
16 a lot of the people don't actually really
17 understand our situation from a cultural point of
18 view, so I just want to be on the record as saying
19 that we are an old people. We're an ancient
20 culture. We have many traditional values that we
21 feel are not being adequately addressed.

22 One of the things that I was told by
23 my elders is that there would be coming a time of
24 chaos, a great deal of eruption, and perhaps we're
25 even coming into that time. The comforting thought

1 is that when we go through the chaos, whether it's
2 political or environmental or both or all, we will
3 come out on the other side restored.

4 However, this restoration might not
5 include humanity, because we have become such a
6 desperately, destructive people. In the old times,
7 there were what you might call, I want to say, like
8 first law. Our Creator left laws, standards to be
9 observed by the rest of us. When Creator first
10 made this beautiful earth, he went around looking
11 at it, taking a close look at everything to see if
12 it was good, and it was good.

13 It was all good and it was all
14 beautiful, but before Creator went on this tour of
15 the earth, he left instructions, and it was like, I
16 think, in a specific place on Turtle Island. I
17 don't know the specific place. I always feel it
18 was in Tennessee, but it could have been in
19 Minnesota.

20 And he said he would leave the
21 animals in charge and that they should observe
22 certain rules while he was gone on this tour, and
23 one of the things was that they should not pull up
24 the plants, should not even turn over a stone,
25 should not cut down the trees, and should not dig

1 any holes.

2 Well, it didn't work out that way.
3 All those things were violated. In particular, the
4 digging of holes. And the first one who dug the
5 holes was the raccoon, because raccoons are hungry
6 all the time. They want to eat all the time and
7 they can't be satisfied, because they're so hungry.

8 So that raccoon was sitting there
9 feeling his hunger come upon him, and he said to
10 himself well, you know, I'm just going to dig a
11 little hole and Creator won't even notice it. So
12 he dug a little hole, and he found a little bit of
13 something to eat. And he was still hungry so he
14 dug another hole, and he could not be satisfied.
15 He had to keep digging holes.

16 And so, of course, Creator came back
17 and discovered that he had done this. That was a
18 huge mistake, and it made an impact on the earth,
19 even at that time. Even at that time. So that's
20 the end of that little bit of comment.

21 And then the other thing that we
22 were told is that as Anishinaabe people, we came
23 from the east, and it was the grandmother of the
24 water, grandmother of the sea, that brought mankind
25 up on the earth, up out of the water, in a leather

1 bag. Brought all mankind in that bag up on the
2 shore of the east part of Turtle Island and she
3 couldn't breathe.

4 She was a water woman, so she
5 couldn't live on the earth, so she was wondering
6 what she was going to do when she saw a wolf, a
7 very young, strong wolf. And she said, hey, come
8 on over here. I need help. And so the wolf went
9 over to find out. She said you have to take this
10 bag of humanity to the good land. He said, "I can
11 do it." He was overly confident, because he was
12 young and strong. "I can do it."

13 So she said now be sure that on this
14 journey to the good land you do not open this bag
15 of humanity. Because if you open it, they might
16 escape and they'll be in a land that's not prepared
17 for them and they'll become pathetic. Pathetic
18 people. So don't let that happen.

19 So this young wolf vowed. He
20 pledged that he would not do it. And but as he
21 went along carrying that bag day after day and
22 resting when he could to carry the bag and resting,
23 he would hear mumbling inside of that bag, and he
24 could see something moving in there so one night as
25 he was resting his curiosity, it became extreme.

1 And so he thought, well, I'll just open the bag a
2 little bit and I'll peek inside and no one will
3 even know.

4 So he did this. He opened it, and
5 some of the people come running out. They just
6 came scrambling out and he couldn't catch them.
7 They just disappeared and he couldn't catch them.
8 They were gone. So they became the pathetic
9 people.

10 The other people were still in the
11 bag, and he felt ashamed of himself. So another
12 wolf, an old wolf, that was kind of tired and
13 ragged-looking come along, and he said I saw what
14 happened and I know that you did the wrong thing,
15 but I want to help you out. I'll take the bag to
16 the good land.

17 So that old wolf actually was the
18 one who succeeded in bringing humanity to the good
19 land, and they had been told at the beginning of
20 the journey by the grandmother of the water there
21 were things, clues. There were things to look for;
22 that they would come to a land of water and there
23 would be great shining water and there would be
24 lots of good life in that water and very pure and
25 good and the people would thrive there.

1 There was plenty of game and plenty
2 of fish, and the other thing they were to look for
3 were the trees, the white birch trees, that would
4 be in abundance, and then the other thing they
5 would find would be a red stone, a certain red
6 stone, and it was actually an agate. They would
7 find an agate.

8 So when all of these things appeared
9 out of the landscape, they knew they were in the
10 good land, and it became their responsibility to
11 keep it good, to protect the environment and the
12 resources, and we don't want to lose our resources
13 now. Everything is under threat, and we feel a
14 great deal of challenge, and I don't think that our
15 view is actually being addressed.

16 And we want to raise our children
17 here, and we think they have a right to a good
18 future, and we look to the seven generations that
19 our generation should not make one single decision
20 without -- without understanding, comprehending the
21 impact that decision today has on the seven
22 generations that are still trying to get here, and
23 I think we owe it to the future to keep everything
24 as good as we can and not to allow this pipeline to
25 come in.

1 Well, you know, they say it's safe.
2 Well, no, it isn't, because there's many places
3 where it's already had trouble, and we don't want
4 it to have trouble. We don't want it to have
5 trouble anywhere, but this is our homeland, and we
6 have to do what we can to protect it. And, you
7 know, like the thing these people used to say, we
8 will not compromise in defense of our homeland.
9 Amen.

10 MR. WILL NAJJAR: My name is Will
11 Najjar, N-A-J-J-A-R. Okay. I have to start this
12 by referencing World War II, which was the greatest
13 and biggest war in the history of the world.
14 Somewhere between 70 and 80 million people died as
15 a result of the war. The beginning of the war was
16 our attack by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor on
17 December 7, 1941, was in part caused by our
18 conflict with them where their adventures in
19 Southeast Asia and in China required oil.

20 As a result of those adventures, we
21 froze their assets in America and blockaded their
22 ships as ill-prepared as we were. We were
23 officially called the enemy.

24 In Europe, Hitler after trouncing
25 all the low countries, headed for Romania where the

1 Ploiesti oil fields are. We defended them heavily,
2 and we used it as a high-value target. Initially
3 it's doubtful if any of the planes ever made it
4 back to England, many of them diverting to North
5 Africa.

6 The Germans enslaved the Romanian
7 engineers. One of them was the father of a friend
8 of mine. Another friend of mine two years out of
9 high school was a captain of a B-24 bomber that
10 bombed Ploiesti and was the first one to ever make
11 it back to England without getting shot down.

12 In the United States, we have what's
13 called the Strategic Oil Reserve where there is
14 about 700 million barrels of crude oil, which is
15 estimated to last about 41 days. It would seem to
16 me that having a pipeline coming from a friendly
17 country to the heart of our country with oil is a
18 substantial plank in the defense of our country.
19 If the unthinkable -- and we've had several of
20 them -- were to happen, that oil line might be our
21 lifeline.

22 I'm not pitting oil against
23 renewable energy. As a matter of fact, I support
24 renewable energy, but it's a long way off.
25 Hopefully some morning we'll wake up and find out

1 that solar has found a way to power us that will
2 knock your socks off, but that is not in the cards
3 at the present time. Even the most optimistic
4 estimates 20 years down the line show that only
5 three percent of our cars will run off of
6 electricity.

7 Currently, my daughter has a car,
8 electric and gas, and she gets 40 miles to the
9 gallon. My Buick get 30 miles to the gallon; and
10 if you're lucky enough to have an older Buick, you
11 probably get 34, 35 miles to the gallon.
12 Consequently, at this time there's not a great deal
13 of difference.

14 I'd like to repeat that I think that
15 pipeline should be built, providing Enbridge meets
16 all the requirements of their permits, monitors the
17 line, and is not negligent. That's the end of it.

18 MR. RANDALL BURG: Randall,
19 R-A-N-D-A-L-L, R. Burg, B-U-R-G. 1826 Monroe
20 Avenue Southwest, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-8255.

21 The pipeline renovation represents
22 an investment in a moribund -- that's
23 M-O-R-I-B-U-N-D -- energy technology (fossil
24 fuels). Each dollar invested in the pipeline is a
25 dollar diverted from the development of

1 sustainable, clean energy sources for the future
2 (solar, wind, tidal, geothermal).

3 If the pipeline renovation is
4 approved, it should be conditioned upon placing all
5 revenues from the pipeline's operation in escrow to
6 be released only for the following purposes or on
7 the following conditions:

8 One. Remediation (cleanup,
9 restoration) of all environmental damage caused by
10 spills or leaks.

11 Two. Removal of the pipeline and
12 restoration of the right-of-way at the end of the
13 pipeline's useful life or at the expiration of 100
14 years, whichever occurs first.

15 Three. Payment of damages to
16 parties injured in person or property by accidents
17 or harmful occurrences caused by the pipeline.

18 MR. ROBERT PANTHER: Robert Panther,
19 P-A-N-T-H-E-R, from Bemidji. My wife and I have
20 lived in North Dakota for 20 years, and I have a
21 comment about the job creation involved in pipeline
22 and oil field work. We've seen what that meant to
23 western North Dakota firsthand. There were a
24 considerable number of jobs, a lot of new jobs
25 created, high-paying jobs. Most of them went to

1 people that came in from out of state, and they
2 took all commerce.

3 They needed the help, and the social
4 problems were tremendous. Most of the money went
5 out of state. They were predominately employees,
6 high-paid employees, that came, and western North
7 Dakota did not benefit. It was -- right now it's
8 pretty much a wasteland in my view seeing what it
9 was before and what it is now, and that crowd of
10 high-paying -- that the crowd of high-paid
11 individuals that came there to work, they're gone.
12 The money has left North Dakota, and there's a lot
13 of destruction left in its wake. A lot of social
14 ills that that brought in.

15 So the promotion of the pipeline,
16 based on the number of jobs created, is a very
17 deceiving claim. It is not all rosy as it sounds.

18 MS. ERICA HARMSSEN: My name is Erica
19 Harmsen. Erica is E-R-I-C-A. Harmsen is
20 H-A-R-M-S-E-N. And I oppose the Line 3 pipeline,
21 because I have two young daughters, and I want to
22 protect the water for their future.

23 MR. MARC OLSON: Marc Olson,
24 M-A-R-C, O-L-S-O-N. I'd like to speak on behalf
25 of. I'm totally in support of the project. I'm a

1 city of Bemidji landowner with the Line 3 pipe is
2 adjacent to my property, which I have no problems
3 with. I think Enbridge is completely safety
4 oriented. I've never had any issues, and they've
5 always been very professional in every way, shape,
6 and form.

7 MR. AMOS LaDUKE: Amos, A-M-O-S.
8 L-A, capital D, U-K-E. Okay. So I just want to
9 say as an indigenous person, who is opposed to
10 resource extraction pipeline projects, a common
11 question that we're asked is, "Do you drive a car?"
12 or, "Do you put gas in your car?" So my answer is
13 "yes" all the time.

14 Yes, I did fill my tank up, but
15 that's because we live in a vertically-integrated
16 socioeconomy where the oppressors own the means of
17 production, and the only systems offered to people
18 run on fossil fuels. So we have no choice but to
19 participate unless we want to fall further behind
20 in our own struggles

21 And in our community, there's a line
22 that goes right underneath our community; and if
23 there's a spill or a problem with that, then you
24 notice the children that run around our community,
25 they are going to get sick, and that's what we're

1 trying to convey is there's these risks, and the
2 people who are in support of pipeline projects they
3 wouldn't want that in their communities is what I'm
4 saying. End of comment.

5 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: My name is Susan
6 Kedzie, S-U-S-A-N, K-E-D-Z-I-E. I live in Bemidji,
7 Minnesota. I'm a plant ecologist and have been for
8 over 20 years. I've worked at Leech Lake Division
9 of Resource Management as a plant ecologist during
10 the Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project.

11 I'm speaking today on behalf of my
12 daughter, my partner, and others who are unable to
13 be here. I am not representing any agency or
14 organization.

15 I will be speaking today using
16 science as my foundation, not opinions. I'm
17 opposed to Line 3 on moral and scientific grounds.

18 We have a moral obligation to reject
19 this project and others like it due to the numerous
20 direct and immediate negative impacts to the
21 people, plants, wildlife, and water along the
22 route; as well as the direct, indirect, and
23 long-term negative impacts to people, plants,
24 wildlife, and water not adjacent to the route, as
25 to the state of Minnesota, region, and planet.

1 Morally, we have a responsibility to
2 listen to climate change scientists. Ninety-five
3 to 97 percent of them are in agreement. Climate
4 change is occurring and we are causing it. Anybody
5 who tells you otherwise is being paid or has been
6 deceived by those who are being paid. To address
7 climate change, we need to keep the oil in the
8 ground and transition to green renewable energy by
9 2030.

10 Regarding economics, Line 3 will
11 create an estimated 13,000 short-term jobs but with
12 a huge cost to 9 billion other people. The largest
13 profits for this project will go to the
14 millionaires and billionaires, the top one percent
15 of society whose livelihood is very secure.
16 Whereas, jobs in green renewable energy sector are
17 outgrowing fossil fuels and provide sustainable
18 long-term opportunities with quality pay. This is
19 our future.

20 Line 3 will cause massive
21 disturbance to native plants communities, which
22 increases invasive species, disrupts and impairs
23 ecological services of native plants communities,
24 and negative impacts -- and negatively impacts the
25 quality and quantity of traditional plant resources

1 used by Anishanaabe people. It will increase the
2 loss of rare, threatened, and endangered plants and
3 animals who depend on those things.

4 Ecological services that healthy
5 native plant communities provide are numerous and
6 include: filtering and cleaning water, providing
7 oxygen for all of us to breathe, providing food
8 sources for fish and wildlife, creating structure
9 and habitat for fish and wildlife, for attenuating
10 flood events, maintaining shorelines.

11 So when healthy plant communities
12 are compromised, so are the ecological services
13 they provide. Since we all depend on these
14 services on a daily basis, we must reject this
15 pipeline.

16 We have a moral responsibility to
17 reject Line 3 as it will negatively impact
18 traditional resources. Since plants are a critical
19 part of traditional lifeways, impacts to plants
20 create impacts to traditional foods, medicines, and
21 spiritual practices.

22 Impacts to land, water, plants, and
23 animals represent a direct impact to the spiritual
24 rights of many Anishinaabe people. As it does for
25 other non-Christian people who share similar

1 beliefs, this is religious freedom and is protected
2 by the First Amendment. For Christians,
3 particularly Representative Grossell,
4 G-R-O-S-S-E-L-L, Jesus would be accountable to the
5 earth, the children, the women, and the least among
6 us, not to corporations or wealthy donors.

7 I am morally opposed based on
8 historic grounds. I refuse to be party to the
9 continuing historic trauma experienced by Native
10 people by state and federal governments,
11 politicians, and corporations. Morally, we must
12 reject this project, because it continues the
13 historic pattern of violence, resource grabbing,
14 and oppression experienced by people with the least
15 power available to them.

16 Finally, I ask that our local
17 politicians, members of the city council, and the
18 city mayor that you have a moral obligation to
19 reject this pipeline and embrace the goal of 80 to
20 100 percent green renewable energy by 2030; to
21 protect the future of our community's human health,
22 abundant natural resources, and water-based
23 economy, and to help stimulate the industries and
24 job creation resulting from transitioning to green
25 renewable energy and associated products.

1 We need your leadership. Your
2 leadership is needed by ordinary people and the
3 health of our natural resources. Thank you for
4 hearing me.

5 MS. STELLA WAKONABO: Stella
6 Wakonabo, S-T-E-L-L-A, W-A-K-O-N-A-B-O. And I
7 just want to say yeah, you know, it's all great and
8 grand that people have jobs through the pipeline.
9 That's wonderful, but I live with pipelines going
10 through my property. I won't be able to sell any
11 of it. Because of the pipelines, it's worth
12 nothing.

13 Then you have the issue of the
14 closure of this Line 3, and it's -- to me I believe
15 it's the pipelines' responsibility to take that
16 pipeline out and put a new one in, that's fine, but
17 take the old out. I don't think it's very good
18 responsibility for the pipeline to go ahead and
19 just leave it there and let it disintegrate and all
20 this other stuff and you haven't solved anything.
21 You're closing the pipeline, because it's
22 incinerating, and then you are going to leave it
23 there to incinerate some more? It doesn't make any
24 sense. It's not good business sense.

25 The other thing is I believe the

1 pipeline could be removed, because it's just
2 basically good responsibility as a company, and
3 chuck it up to doing business. It's a business
4 expense. Take it out.

5 For example, my brother-in-law wants
6 to sell his property. And on his property, there
7 is a family dump that's been there for years. And
8 he can't sell the property, because he has to go
9 ahead and clean it up. Well, to clean it up, it's
10 going to cost him more than to sell it. So it's
11 his responsibility, and I believe the pipeline put
12 the pipe in the earth, the pipeline can take it out
13 and be responsible for it.

14 I mean I -- and then the other issue
15 that I have with this is if you leave the pipeline
16 in the ground and if something happens, then I'm
17 supposed to be responsible for the cleanup? I
18 don't think so. That is just not good business
19 sense. You put the -- Enbridge put the pipeline in
20 the ground, then Enbridge is responsible for it.
21 And that's my feelings.

22 (End of Bemidji private comments.)

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