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**Subject:** Item #14 on Tuesday's agenda, Supporting Clean Water and Treaty Rights

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Dear Alders,

I am in support of this resolution. In early June I traveled to the White Earth reservation to support the Anishinaabe at the Treaty People Gathering. Here is a summary of what I learned there:

By the treaties of 1854, 1855, and 1863, the indigenous tribes reserved the right to hunt, fish, trap, and gather in northern Minnesota. This includes the right to gather wild rice, an important food for them and part of their religion. By Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution, treaties are the highest law of the land.

The Canadian company Enbridge is infringing on these usufructuary rights. They are not replacing their old, rusting, decaying Line 3, they are building a completely new Line 3, which crosses 43 wild rice lakes and 192 bodies of water, including crossing the Mississippi River twice. Any leak in this pipeline would have disastrous consequences. Enbridge has had many spills, including one in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where over 1 million gallons of oil was spilled. Also, they have no plans to clean up the old Line 3.

The capacity of the new Line 3 will be twice that of the old one. Tar sands is a carbon-intensive oil; it produces around 21% higher greenhouse gas emissions over its production and consumption life cycle because of how dirty it is and how much energy it takes to be extracted.

When the oil leaves Line 3 at Superior, it goes through Line 5 and/or Line 61, which traverse Wisconsin. But none of this oil is for us; it's going to China. The Department of Commerce in Minnesota stated that Line 3 was not necessary; there is plenty of other oil available. But monied interests prevailed.

The indigenous people of Minnesota have been fighting Enbridge for seven years. They warned state regulators that Line 3, with the influx of workers and the creation of "man camps" would bring increased sex and drug trafficking to the area - and add to the ongoing epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. State regulators ignored these concerns - but that is exactly what has happened.

Climate change concerns, treaty rights, preserving clean water, the safety of indigenous women - these are all of highest value and concern. The only good reason for Line 3 to exist is to provide profits for Enbridge.

I ask you to approve this resolution.

Thank you,  
Janice Knapp-Cordes

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Hello!

I would like to express my support for legistar #66407, item 14 on the agenda.

Thank you,

Matthew