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Governor Walz:

I write today urging the Minnesota Department of Commerce to respect the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) unanimous finalization of the Certificate of Need for replacement of Enbridge's Line 3 and not restart the appeals process. The safe delivery of energy is reliant on the completion of Line 3, as the existing line threatens our environment and operates at only 51 percent of capacity.

The PUC decision is part of an exhaustive review of a pipeline replacement project. It culminates a four-year process, including 65 public meetings and numerous public input periods, depositing thousands of public comments into the public record. Furthermore, an impartial administrative law judge concluded replacing Line 3 is better for the environment than maintaining an existing line.

Enbridge has met all required environmental reviews to gain a Certificate of Need and further petition will only delay the safe delivery of energy. Our communities across Northern Minnesota stand to benefit from the \$2.6 billion private infrastructure investment from Line 3 replacement. It will provide more than 4,000 construction jobs for our unions and generate an additional \$19 million in property tax revenue for rural schools in desperate need of funding.

Replacement of Enbridge Line 3 is imperative for environmental safety and a crucial infrastructure investment in our communities.

Sincerely,



Representative Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



Representative Tom Emmer
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Representative Collin C. Peterson
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Representative Jim Hagedorn
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