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To Whom it May Concern:

We are an alliance of berry pickers, we call ourselves Mawinzo Asiginigaazo, which means, berry pickers gathering. We are in opposition to the proposed Sandpiper pipeline and request that you do not grant a permit for the construction of this pipeline.

The relationship to this docket is that the pipeline would run adjacent to the largest berry patches in this region. This ecosystem lies east of the proposed route from Moose Creek Township in Clearwater County to Lake Alice Township in Hubbard County. The Mississippi River flows next to one particular area and is downstream from where the pipeline would cross beneath this said river. Due to the nature of oil with its known carcinogens, an oil spill would be detrimental to the groundwater and river habitat, therefore effecting the berries. We depend on these berries not only for nourishment but they are a key component of our cultural resources. There are seven types of berries that we harvest in this area, along with hazelnuts and many types of medicinal plants. These are all considered organic. The list of berries consist of; juneberries, pin cherry, strawberries, blueberries, huckleberries, raspberries and chokecherries.

The Anishinaabe have traveled and camped next to these berry patches for hundreds of years. We have continued to enjoy this perfect ecosystem along with our neighbors who are not Anishinaabe. We want to continue to pick these berries for our families, camp next to these berry patches as our ancestors did and we want our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be able to do the same.

We do not propose an alternative route because we do not see an alternative. We do not want any additional pipelines built in the state of Minnesota. We want to see alternative fuel sources developed rather than our continued dependence upon fossil fuels which are known to increase carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has contributed to negative global weather changes.

We do not support the proposed project in this docket. Pipeline ruptures and oil spills are happening all over the world at increasing rates. We do not want to increase our chances of a spill by allowing this level 4 explosive oil to run through these lands via. the Sandpiper.

Thank you for your time,

The members of Mawinzo Asinigaazo