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Larry Hartman

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The Sandpiper pipeline needs to be built. The opponents of this Enbridge project are well organized and talk at every opportunity about all of "lightning might strike" possibilities that could occur.

Those of us who support the project attend the same information meetings but, for whatever reason, are generally not speaking up.

That's me included.

As a country, I believe that we must become energy self-dependent.

Pipelines are a very safe way to move oil (and natural gas)... much safer than by rail or truck. Without the Sandpiper, we are told that we could see 1,300 trucks a day going down U.S. Highway 2, right through Polk and a number of other Minnesota counties. That would be much more environmentally damaging than a pipeline that is built to meet all safety standards.

The economy would, of course, benefit greatly both from the Sandpiper construction effort and from having more oil available for use.

Another consideration is that Enbridge pays a lot of taxes... At \$900,00, it is the top property taxpayer in Polk County . The other pipeline cos. in the top 10 rank as the 4th, 6th, 7th, and 9th largest taxpayers. They contribute another more than \$500,000 toward government operations in the county.

Enbridge has an exceptional safety record. I believe that we need to follow all of the existing rules and regulations and get the Sandpiper built.

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