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To Whom it May Concern:

We are County Commissioners from Marshall County which is along the Enbridge Mainline, the Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Project routes in northern Minnesota. This letter is to inform you that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners supports the above referenced projects within Marshall County. Enbridge is and has been an important asset to Marshall County and the Minnesotans who have lived and worked alongside Enbridge's existing pipelines for 65 plus years.

First, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We appreciate that you understand how important these projects are to our economy and the safety of all Minnesotans located along the oil train routes that cross our state. Every day of further delay is another day that more oil is unnecessarily crossing our state on trains instead of in pipelines where it belongs.

Millions of dollars in local property tax revenue and thousands of jobs are at stake. Our area businesses benefit greatly when projects like these are constructed. Sometimes these projects are the difference between businesses closing or staying open for the area. Delays by agencies can kill projects like these. Local support for these projects is strong in our county and we want to make sure you are aware of that.

We ask you and your agencies to work as expediently as possible in supporting the PUC so they can review and permit these projects in a timely manner. The jobs, tax, and economic benefits from Sandpiper are past due and Line 3 has already lost months in the process.

If you have any questions or need additional information do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Gary Kiesow
Marshall County Board Chair

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