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Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Route

Dear Mr. MacAlister,

I am writing to you in regards to the Proposed Sandpiper and Line 3 routes. The Cultural Resource Program of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) is concerned with the proposed routes through the northern half of Minnesota. Our concern is that the proposed preferred routes will go through the richest cultural resources areas within the State of Minnesota. As established by MN Statute 307.08, MIAC has the joint responsibility under the law to protect all American Indian Burial Sites within the State. The potential of adverse effects on identified burial and archaeology sites and important sacred sites as well as sites that have yet to be identified is too great for us not to be concerned.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Jim L. Jones, Jr.

Cultural Resource Director, MIAC

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