

To: Minnesota Tribal Leaders in the Community and Government,

On Monday, many of our Native workers again were forced to leave their job site on the Line 3 replacement project because protestors trespassed into a construction site and vandalized equipment. This not only created a hardship for our workers, it created additional challenges for our companies.

Protests that disrupt work, damage property, and threaten our employees while claiming to be on behalf of our Native people is creating additional tension and consequences within our tribal communities. They also intentionally create a false narrative that there is no Native American support for this project and the economic impacts and opportunities it brings to our people.

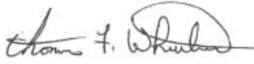
We respect the rights of everyone to express their opinions and to protest. As Native people, making sure our voice is heard is even more important and essential, yet what happened on Monday went far beyond and resulted in Native workers being forced to stop working as their job sites were overrun by protestors.

As a united voice of Tribal businesses, contractors and workers, we are encouraging leaders of Tribal communities across Minnesota to renounce these actions and call on these groups to stop future destructive and unlawful protests that endanger our Native workers and divide the communities in which we work and live.

Sincerely,



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