Teamsters Local Union 346 is disappointed and appalled regarding the letter that was sent to President Biden from Minneapolis and St. Paul Congresswomen Omar and McCollum, along with several of their colleagues from around the Country, and dozens of local state DFL Senators and Representatives regarding the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project.

Teamsters Local Union No. 346 would like to express how proud we are of our roughly 900 Teamster brothers and sisters who have been working on the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project. We are also very appreciative of the hard work they are performing, and because of your hard work, professionalism, and safety record, this project will be beneficial to the State of Minnesota and its residents for many, many years.

Teamsters Local Union No. 346 would expect that these elected officials who have penned their names to this letter of misinformation and blatant lies would take the time to ask questions, do a little research and educate themselves regarding this highly needed project. Their uneducated opinions and lack of true hard facts is an embarrassment to not only themselves but to all the people they are supposed to be representing.

There have been numerous hearings over several years regarding the permitting and construction needs for this project, and all have been approved by entities such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, The Minnesota Public Utilities, The Minnesota Court of Appeals, and the Minnesota Supreme Court.

For these Politicians to make such outlandish claims regarding increased crime, the spread of COVID-19, and many other deceitful and erroneous claims is ridiculous and disgusting.

In a time of uncertainty with record high unemployment and a health pandemic, Teamsters Local Union No. 346 cannot think of a better time for our members to be able to work so they can provide their families with a living wage and to assure them health and welfare benefits.

These hard-working men and women working on this project do not deserve to be treated the way they have been, by these politicians and other groups who oppose Line 3. These hard-working men & women will continue performing their job duties in a safe, respectful, and professional manner despite the actions of these opposition groups that continue to put these workers in harm's way. Maybe these so-called politicians should take a page out of their playbook and show a little class and respect, or at the very least educate themselves on a topic before penning their name to a letter of misinformation and lies.

In Solidarity,

TEAMSTERS GENERAL LOCAL UNION NO. 346

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