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I just sent the following email (using bcc) to all my Minnesota friends, asking them to forward it on to their friends. The hope is to get more people engaged in letter-writing. Feel free to copy and paste and email it to \*your\* Minnesota friends -- and if anyone has other ideas for getting letters out, please let us all know -- thanks!! -- Janet

"I'm writing this to my friends, hoping you can help in what you know is my all-consuming passion: opposition to Enbridge's proposed pipeline route through northern Minnesota. All I'm asking is that you forward this email to anyone you know who might be interested in helping write letters to their newspaper editors and political representatives, and tell them to forward it on to their friends as well. If even a handful of people take it upon themselves to write letters, that would be such a huge help!

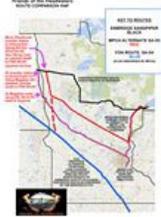
Here's the thing: A "coalition" of opposition groups in northern Minnesota has been fighting the Canadian corporation Enbridge for nearly a year now, against Enbridge's proposed route for an oil pipeline through some of northern Minnesota's most scenic lakes and rivers. We are asking Enbridge to find a safer, non-water route for their pipeline, like other oil shippers have already done. We aren't suggesting "no pipeline" and we aren't suggesting rail instead of a pipeline: we're simply asking them to consider a route away from Minnesota's most iconic and sensitive waters. They are fighting back fiercely (they're used to getting their way) and although we are making headway via the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, we are up against a powerful force of big money and corporate attorneys.

We need more Minnesotans to engage. This is not a NIMBY issue: this is an issue that affects the entire state of Minnesota. Our tourism economy, our way of life, the future of our state, Minnesota's reputation as a destination for enjoying nature -- it's all threatened by a company with a record of oil spills and bullying tactics. To let them have their way in Minnesota's lakes and rivers is truly insane, when there are viable alternative routes they can use.

Last week, Enbridge announced publicly that they will be bringing a tar sands pipeline through the same route as their proposed Sandpiper route. Now the Mississippi headwaters and our "land of sky blue waters" is threatened with not only a Bakken oil pipeline, but an Alberta tar sands pipeline as well. This is the same stuff that was supposed to be shipped via the Keystone XL, but Enbridge has pulled a fast one: while we were all watching Keystone, they came around the back door, and will now send tar sands through northern Minnesota instead.

We need to start writing letters to our newspapers and our legislators. Please visit the Friends of the Headwaters "action page" (<http://www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org/take-action.html>) for information on how to write a good letter and addresses to send letters to. And please get this out to as many people as you can (but heavens, not to anyone affiliated with Enbridge, please! :-))! I will be happy to help write letters to newspapers, so anyone can write to me ([janethillnew@gmail.com](mailto:janethillnew@gmail.com)), and I will supply you with a short letter to send to your local paper that you can tweak as you'd like.

Thank you for helping get the word out!"



## Take Action

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What can you do? Plenty! Attend a public hearing. Check the "Latest News" page for the Sched...