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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Youth N' Power youth training program explores leadership, renewable energy, entrepreneurship, and climate solutions - they are asking the courts to Stop Line 3*

**Tuesday June 1: Northside Youth File [Line 3 Amicus Brief](#) in Federal Court,  
Deliver a copy to AG Ellison at Minnesota Capitol**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – June 1, 2021-- On June 1, 2021, a group of 8 young people from the *Youth N' Power* training program will gather at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office to announce their filing of an Amicus Brief asking a federal court to stay construction on Line 3 so that a full environmental review can be conducted. The group met with Ellison in November 2020 to ask him to Stop Line 3 due to the inordinate impacts of climate change on their future. He recommended that they engage in the legal process, and so they did! They will deliver a copy of [their completed brief](#) to Ellison's office.

WHO: Northside Youth from Youth n' Power Training Program

WHERE: Minnesota Capitol, front door

WHEN: 3:00 PM CT, June 1, 2021

This group of youth will be among the worst impacted if Line 3 is able to transport and burn 760,000 barrels of tar sands per day - the equivalent of 50 coal fired power plants. The group will speak about their concerns for the water quality of North Minneapolis due to the proposed

Line 3 pipeline, their connection to their Native relatives whose treaty rights are violated by the pipeline, and their experiences growing up in a neighborhood already being shaped by the negative impacts of climate change and environmental racism. Native youth, Nina Berglund was part of the original Youth Climate Intervenor group in MN will be there to share her experience with the legal process.

“These young folks are excited about finding their place in this movement,” said Analyah Schlaeger dos Santos, Youth Program Coordinator at Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light.

“Throughout the year they have been practicing tangible ways to make our energy systems and communities more equitable. Today they are joining with their indigenous siblings and taking a stand for their future as they say no to Line 3.”

HS junior and northside resident, Jaiden Ellington-Vasser describes her concerns for the babies and the elders, “We might be able to tolerate a really polluted extreme heat day, but what about the babies and the elders. We have to care for the whole community.”

*Youth N’ Power* is a year long youth training program that explores leadership, renewable energy, entrepreneurship, and climate solutions. The program is based at Redeemer Lutheran Church and hosted by Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, a local non-profit whose mission is to engage faith communities and youth around solutions to the climate crisis.

- Learn more about Youth N’ Power and our efforts to Stop Line 3 at [MNIPL.org](http://MNIPL.org).
- To read the Amicus Brief, [click here](#).

***About Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light:*** MNIPL works in partnership with faith communities to build transformative **power** and bring the **lights** of people’s unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis. Since our founding in 2004, we have mobilized religious support for landmark legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota, educated hundreds of thousands of congregants, and worked with every major religious denomination in the state. Learn more at [www.mnipl.org](http://www.mnipl.org).

Images:

1) Jaiden Ellington-Vasser shows off her "Stop Line 3" patch. Ellington-Vasser is a HS Junior and plans to become an environmental justice organizer, and an environmental studies and international business major.

2) Youth N' Power youth met to prepare their testimony on Line 3.

