

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Dear Chairperson Valcq & members,

We are writing to relay significant questions regarding the continuation of the Cardinal Hickory project in light of legal action that calls the prospect for completion of the project as currently planned into question.

With Judge Conley's ruling against the planned crossing through the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge, we have heard from residents that ongoing work on this project has an impact on landowners, agriculture, natural resources and communities and should be held, at the very least, until final disposition of the federal case.

Clearly, we and many in our area have raised significant concerns about this project and its impact throughout the process. We continue to have those concerns and the work to date on the project has clear and lasting impacts on property and resources. Continued work on this project is especially disconcerting with the uncertain legal prospects for its completion.

We ask that the Commission give every consideration to the concerns of those most directly affected by this project and ensure that irreparable damage is not done in these communities for a project that is not ultimately completed. We ask that the Commission weigh the need to put a hold on continued work on the Cardinal Hickory project in Wisconsin following the ruling against the proposed river crossing.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns and this request.

Sincerely

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SONDY POPE State Representative 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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