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The fragility of ecosystems to pollution and the people, plants and animal species whose very lives and well-being depend on clean water and unpolluted lands mean that our Minnesota Pollution Control Agency must do a much better job in regulating toxic chemicals in our state including with bans on some chemicals, including but not limited to dangerous pesticides and toxic oil and gas products.

I therefore join others in insisting upon much better regulation to stop the contamination that harms Minnesota's waters from chemicals and toxins such as mercury, nitrates, neonicotinoids, glyphosate, overly high levels of sulfate, fossil fuels and chemical additives, etc.

Tar sands oil transportation across our state is also an outrage as the Alberta tar sands is one of the worst sites of ecocide in the world and the allowance of that type of oil to be carried across our state is also endangering and harming our ecosystems here through direct water pollution and also global pollution causing climate change with the most toxic and polluting oil and chemicals. We must stop oil and gas pipelines across our state including the new carbon capture pipelines which are a false solution to the reduction of carbon pollution, especially with increasingly-fragile lands and geographic areas from extreme weather, drought, land changes, etc. The many impacts of global warming require a far more proactive approach in stopping oil and gas producers, refiners and transporters now by using science and ethics against their continued and expanding operations using unacceptable new and unproven technologies when we do not have time to waste to avoid a very catastrophic future.

Thank you.