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As a law professor and Dakota Woman, I am strongly opposed to a permit allowing PFAs and known contaminants as discharges into the Mississippi River or any waterways in Minnesota. As the Prairie Island Indian Community has sounded the alarm on contamination, the state regulatory agencies must heed the call to protect all life in our waters. While this permit process has imposed some limitations, it does not go far enough. The longterm views of seven generations guide Tribal Nations. Unfortunately, these minimal regulatory limits will be measured after harmful impacts to fish, birds, and humans in future years. Knowing harm will result from these discharges, the best course of action is to provide real limitations and prevent all PFAs and other contamination. Human quality of life should be the priority over economics on meeting higher water quality standards. I am opposed to a permit that allows any PFAs discharged into Minnesota waterways on behalf of all living beings. We must use our voice for the good of all life.