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Water Protectors Shut Down Keynote Address of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, Demand Action Against Line 3 Pipeline

FRIDLEY, MN. — On Thursday evening, 50 water protectors with the movement to stop Line 3 [forced Amy Klobuchar off a stage](#), as she endorsed State Representative Connie Bernardy. Shortly after Klobuchar started her speech, activists confronted her about the Line 3 tar sands pipeline and her complicity in its construction.

One water protector asked, “Why is Line 3 going through nearly half of North America’s freshwater?” Klobuchar ignored the question. After repeated questions from water protectors, [Klobuchar fled the stage abruptly](#).

After shutting down the event, the water protectors continued to peacefully protest outside calling on Klobuchar to break her silence on Line 3. Numerous police officers arrived and threatened arrest.

Over the summer, [Klobuchar was asked if President Biden should revoke permits for the Line 3](#) pipeline and responded, “That is in the state jurisdiction.” President Biden has authority to unilaterally cancel the pipeline by withdrawing its Army Corps permits.

Since then [Klobuchar has dodged the topic of Line 3](#) multiple times and [dismissed concerns](#).

Indigenous water protectors and climate activists have repeatedly called on state and federal officials to take action on Line 3, citing threats to [Anishinaabe treaty rights](#), [Indigenous women and relatives](#), [water](#), and the [future of global climate](#).

[President Biden too has yet to take a definitive stance on Line 3](#). Since construction began, more than [900 arrests](#) have been made for peaceful demonstration along the frontlines. [Dozens of federal lawmakers](#), including Minnesota Representative [Dean Phillips](#), have voiced support for the movement, urging President Biden to cancel the pipeline as he did with Keystone XL. With construction now complete, the Line 3 pipeline is driving climate pollution at the same rate as 50 coal-fired power plants. [New evidence is emerging daily](#) in northern Minnesota’s ecosystem on the destruction left behind by Enbridge.

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Additional photos, videos, and interviews with leadership available upon request.

