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I was raised in Grand Marais by white parents, growing up on 1854 treaty territory. In school we were taught that treaties are the supreme law of the land. I now work as a social studies teacher with middle school students where we teach histories of genocide, displacement, resistance, and survival.

We teach our young people to stand up for a better tomorrow and honor the treaties of the past. To learn from the past and change the future. If this project continues forward, the 1854 treaty will not be honored as supreme law of the land -- a private business will.

It is imperative that we do everything we possibly can today to move away from extractive practices that continue climate chaos and the legacy of systemic erasure and cultural genocide of this land's first people. Let's stop harmful practices with attractive short term gain to focus on what our community really needs: ecological wellness, wisdom and cultural survival.

Thank you,
Cory Cochrane