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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

[Information about your organization here]

While we realize the Line 5 situation is multi-faceted and you are hearing from all sides, we believe it is important for you to understand how critical the utility corridor solution is for the residents and businesses of the Upper Peninsula. The follow points further solidify our point as Line 5:

- continues to be a critical source of 540,000 barrels per day of propane and crude oil supply for Michigan and surrounding areas that make up the regional supply network for the State, producing transportation fuels and consumer goods, ranging from computers to clothing and cellphones.
- serves approximately **65 percent of the propane** used in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan, for which no viable alternatives exist.
- supplies Michigan and regional refineries that provide Michigan with various fuels that Michigan residents rely on in their day-to-day lives. For examples, these refineries served by Line 5 supply a large percentage of the aviation fuel at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport, an important contributor to the State's economy.
- Is one of the largest energy consumers for several utility companies in the U.P. Removal of the line will spur a significant increase in energy rates for the customers remaining, which is a very undesirable outcome.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention that Enbridge pays approximately **\$32,000,000 in taxes** in the Upper Peninsula and over \$60,000,000 statewide, supporting the many services provided to us by our local municipalities.

The proposed concrete-walled tunnel is to be placed approximately 100 feet below the lake bed, reducing the risk of a spill in the Straits to zero and Enbridge has committed to pay for the construction and operation of the tunnel allowing for the project to move quickly. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, pipelines are the safest way to move energy and it would take 2,150 tanker trucks (90 leaving the terminal every hour, 24 hours a day) or more than 800 rail cars each day to deliver the amount of energy carried on Line 5.

It is because of the reasons above, Governor Whitmer, that we urge you to come to an agreement with Enbridge to build utility corridor as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

[Your signature, name, title, organization]

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