

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach of Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac, as well as multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge and the State of Michigan, under the Snyder administration, negotiated an "agreement" for a 5 year \$500 million project, to construct a tunnel 100 feet below bedrock to encase Line 5, the entire length of the Straits, in one-foot-thick concrete walls in order to mitigate the chances of any leaks of product into the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the current Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel, has subsequently opposed the negotiated "agreement" and filed a lawsuit in Ingham County Circuit Court to close down Line 5 immediately, effectively canceling all efforts to begin construction of the tunnel; and

WHEREAS, this action may very well provide unintended consequences for all parties as the litigation to close down Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the courts with no assurance of the outcome; and

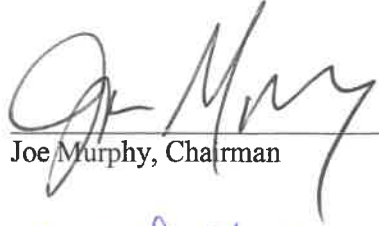
WHEREAS, the time to resolve the litigation may simply result in the delay of the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years; and

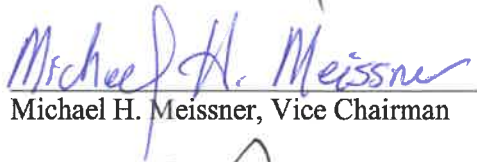
WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on; now

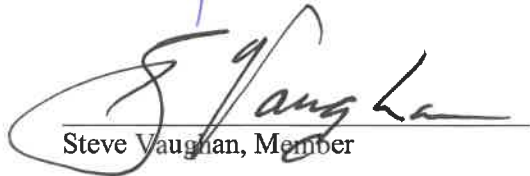
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with other Michigan counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


Joe Murphy, Chairman


Michael H. Meissner, Vice Chairman


Steve Vaughan, Member

Dated: February 9, 2021

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN L. BODIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL H. MEISSNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOE MURPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION: ☒ ADOPTED

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