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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

To whom it may concern,

The Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) and our many small, family owned member companies that produce oil in northern Michigan, employing 47,000 Michigan citizens, rely on Line 5 to safely transport our product to market. We believe that the proposed utility tunnel is the best solution to protecting the environment and our state's families. MOGA has over 400 members including independent oil companies, the exploration arm of various utility companies, diverse service companies and individuals. Michigan's home state energy production provides secure, affordable, and reliable energy to drive our state's economy. That energy – gasoline, diesel, home heating propane, and the thousands of petroleum products derived from these resources, need to reach communities across the state. We depend on access to Line 5 to transport locally produced energy from Northern Michigan to regional refineries in the safest, most efficient and affordable way possible with minimal impact to communities, roadways, and the environment.

MOGA's members are Michigan residents and Michigan businesses. Michigan's energy producers are proud of powering our economy through a deep commitment to and demonstrated track record of protecting the places we all value. The safe and continued operation of Michigan's pipeline infrastructure is one of our highest concerns. Without Line 5, there would be 503,104 more trucking miles each month on Michigan's highways to deliver Michigan's crude oil to refineries in Toledo & Detroit. This is an unnecessary risk that Michigan can avoid by building the tunnel and placing line 5 safely below the Straits of Mackinac. There is no viable alternative on the table that will reduce environmental impact more than placing Line 5 in a utility tunnel below the Straits.

It is in the interest of every Michigan resident who cares about our Great Lakes and our environment that we move forward with the Great Lakes Tunnel project to ensure that we've done all we can do to protect the Straits of Mackinac while also maintaining our critical energy infrastructure. We ask the Army Corp to maintain proper scope and to not allow political actors to alter standard procedures and processes that could have negative long-term impacts on future permitting. We feel strongly that the permit applicant has exceeded the necessary requirements to issue this permit and we ask that the Army Corps moves it forward expeditiously.

Given the importance of Line 5 to Michigan's communities, our economy, and the survival of our businesses, we urge the Army Corps to issue a permit to Enbridge for the construction of the utility tunnel to provide energy reliability, and virtually eliminate the risk of an oil spill from Enbridge's Line 5.

Sincerely,

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