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The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30013
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Dear Governor Snyder,

The “Third Agreement” between the State of Michigan and Enbridge and the “Proposed Tunnel Agreement” represent years of hard work to find the right solution for a contentious issue facing Michigan. The Agreements provide a clear path forward to further protect the Great Lakes, while protecting families and the real jobs that depend on Line 5 for moving energy to where it’s needed.

The scientific analysis, reports, public meetings, comments, and resulting discussions have guided Michigan to the tunnel solution. We appreciate the time and care your team placed on fair, measured, fact-based decision making. Critical infrastructure decisions are not meant to be made on emotion and the process undertaken here has charted a fair and fact-based path forward. We support the proposed utility tunnel as the best solution to protecting the environment and our state’s families.

The Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) has over 650 member companies, the majority of which are small, family owned, Michigan-based companies that produce oil in northern Michigan. These companies employ over 47,000 Michigan residents and rely on a secure and operational Line 5 to transport our product to market in the safest, most efficient and affordable way possible with minimal impact to communities, roadways, and the environment. 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.

It is essential to our members that these Agreements ensure the safe and continued operation of the existing pipelines while the tunnel is constructed. We depend on consistent access to the pipeline to ship our product. Small businesses like ours need the economics of a pipeline that ships larger quantities of product to keep our small businesses that operate older, less profitable oil production in business. The enhanced inspection and operations protocols outlined in the

Agreements provide additional protections that will help keep our Great Lakes safe while the utility tunnel is under construction.

With the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority's oversight, this project will provide an incredible economic boost for Northern Michigan, employ hundreds of skilled trade workers, and ensure our state's vital, safe and well-maintained transportation infrastructure will continue to support our business needs. We strongly support engaging Michigan's labor pool in the project, as detailed in the Agreements.

This issue transcends party and politics. This is about protecting our Great Lakes, keeping people safe and warm, and promoting Michigan business. It's about getting to a solution and making it happen, sooner than later. The fixed schedule for pre-construction work, definitive timelines, and financial penalties for missed deadlines established by the Agreements, will make certain that the tunnel project moves forward expeditiously, while the independent oversight will ensure that it is done correctly.

Given the importance of Line 5 to Michigan's communities, our economy, and the survival of our businesses, we are supportive of the proposed utility tunnel with the oversight of the Authority on the construction, operation and maintenance of this utility tunnel that would better connect the two peninsulas, provide energy reliability, and virtually eliminate the risk of an oil spill from Enbridge's Line 5. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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