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Governor Rick Snyder
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Dear Governor Snyder:

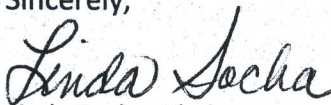
The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners recognizes the efforts of the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force in reviewing the safety of petroleum pipelines in Michigan, specifically Enbridge's Pipeline No. 5 under the Straits of Mackinac.

The County is aware that the task force has received presentations from Enbridge, as well as the National Wildlife Federation and the US DOT/PHMSA Office of Pipeline safety, concerning potential hazards and the focus on safety of the pipeline to prevent a spill into the Great Lakes.

As the task force continues its fact-finding, the County encourages consideration of the State's responsibility under the Great Lakes Submerged Land Act to require Enbridge to submit application for permits to provide the best opportunity for public review and comment concerning pipeline improvements. The process would also ensure that the State has the best opportunity to exercise its expertise to ensure that the pipeline poses no significant danger to public or private interest.

The Great Lakes are Michigan's most valuable natural resource, worthy of the State's best efforts to exercise its expertise in assuring the pipeline is safe, while affording the citizens of Michigan with the opportunity to exercise their right to comment on this important pipeline.

Sincerely,



Linda Socha, Chairperson
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

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