

# Line 5 remains dependable, safe source of energy for Michigan and the region

## *An open letter to the people of Michigan*

As crews built and tested the Line 5 pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac, crowds of spectators gathered on the shorelines and sat in grandstands to witness what was being called an engineering marvel.

Line 5 has lived up to that designation, and today it continues to operate safely, reliably and in full compliance with the federal regulations that govern it.

At Enbridge, we take seriously our responsibility to provide affordable energy to Michigan and the region, and we will continue to do so safely, reliably and with the governmental oversight and compliance expected and demanded of us.

Line 5 helps heat homes and businesses, and provides the light crude oil refineries in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario turn into more than 6,000 products. From medicines and vitamins, to eyeglasses, phones, computers, cars, bicycles, cleaning products and solar panels, Line 5 helps make it possible.

Forcing the shutdown of Line 5 will create an energy shortage that will lead to a spike in energy and fuel prices at a vulnerable time for the people of Michigan and the regional economy by disrupting the supply of crude oil to ten regional refineries. The trucks and trains that will be added to roads and railways to try to make up the difference will add congestion and compete with agricultural and other Midwest products – while increasing safety risks and emissions.

The federal pipeline regulator, the U.S. Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA), has consistently determined the condition and operation of Line 5 are safe, following evaluations conducted as recently as 2020.

Enbridge has invested over \$100 million on improvements to Line 5 and successful safety measures in the Straits since 2018.

We welcome all opportunities for dialogue with state government and continuing a path of mediation. Open lines of communication are the most constructive means to resolving differences and doing what is best for the region's energy future. We are committed to working hard in mediation to provide State officials with comfort that the Great Lakes will be protected while Michiganders continue to receive the vital energy supplies that they need without interruption or excessive cost increases.

In the meantime, we remain committed to advancing the Great Lakes Tunnel which will make this safe pipeline even safer for the millions who rely on it every day.

As we look to the future, we are committed to continual investment in technology and renewable energy as part of our plans to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We are on track to meet an interim target to reduce throughout our operations the intensity of GHG emissions 35% by 2030.

Enbridge's construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel exemplifies our commitment to a healthy energy future. It is the best long-term solution to safeguard the Great Lakes while keeping the energy flowing to Michigan, neighboring states and Canada's two largest provinces.

Today, as it always has been, safety and the protection of the Great Lakes waters and the people who use them are our focus.

Sincerely,



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