



# Political advocacy and accountability

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Enbridge is highly engaged in political, regulatory and public policy processes in the jurisdictions where we operate. In accordance with the letter and spirit of all applicable laws and ethical obligations, including our [Statement on Business Conduct](#), we directly engage policymakers, as well as participate in consultations, workshops, hearings, working groups, conferences and other events. We are active in business and trade associations and participate in the activities of think tanks and other civil society organizations.

Enbridge aims to lead on issues impactful to our industry, business and stakeholders. This starts with raising awareness about the role energy plays in people’s quality of life. We engage with policymakers at the state, provincial and federal levels in Canada and the U.S. to contribute to the development of responsible public policies and regulatory processes relevant to our business.

“ Across our system, we share our perspective on energy, environmental and economic policy priorities that will enable all communities to realize the benefits of clean, reliable and affordable energy. ”



**Mike Gladstone,**  
Director, External Affairs Canada

Our energy advocacy priorities include pipeline safety and security, regulatory certainty and stability, fiscal and trade policy, [climate change and innovation](#), and [engagement and economic inclusion of Indigenous Peoples](#).

As required by law, we file lobbying reports on a regular basis with the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying in Canada, the U.S. Congress and state, provincial and municipal agencies, disclosing information about lobbying activities, including the issues lobbied and agencies contacted.



> State Sen. Wayne of Michigan looks out on the *Highland Eagle* in the Straits of Mackinac during a legislative tour with colleagues. The 236-foot-long marine vessel was positioned in the Straits last summer, completing the geotechnical investigation work in preparation of [Enbridge’s Great Lakes Tunnel Project](#) in Michigan.

## Political contributions

Federal and provincial laws in both Canada and the U.S. regulate a company's participation in the political process, especially in regard to donations. We guide all decisions about political contributions by what is in the best interest of the Company, our employees and our stakeholders. We have processes in place to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Enbridge supports individual employee participation in the political process in our communities, including involvement with political parties, candidates or on public policy issues. Individual employee participation in the political process must comply with the Statement on Business Conduct and all applicable laws.

In 2019, Enbridge Inc. made corporate political contributions in Canada totaling \$12,000, and its U.S. subsidiaries made contributions in the U.S. totaling US\$43,000 to U.S. state candidates. In addition, in 2019 the voluntary, U.S. employee-funded Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. Political Action Committee (Enbridge-DCP PAC) contributed in total approximately US\$237,000 to candidates, campaigns and committees at U.S. state and federal levels. All such 2019 U.S. political contributions by Enbridge-DCP PAC have been disclosed by Enbridge-DCP PAC in compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state laws and regulations and are available on the website of the U.S. Federal Election Commission and the websites of election regulators in the applicable U.S. states.

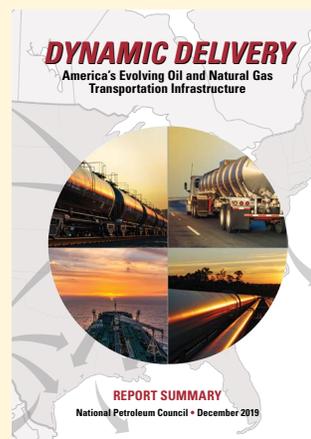
For more detailed information, please refer to our [Political Contributions Policy](#).

## Trade associations

Enbridge participates in trade and industry associations to share our experience and expertise and to inform the development of sound public policy and regulatory processes in our sector. We benefit from, and contribute to, the general business, technical and industry standard-setting expertise these associations provide. Active participation in industry associations provides a leadership opportunity and we believe by working within associations, we can, with other like-minded members, seek to exert a positive influence.

We express our own corporate objectives and priorities when industry policy priorities are established, and do not always agree with all positions taken by the associations with which we affiliate. Each year, we consider our membership in these associations as part of our annual strategic planning and budgeting process to ensure our memberships continue to align with our priorities.

Refer to our [Appendix](#) to see a list of the membership associations with which we are involved.



### SPOTLIGHT:

#### Lending our voice to industry leadership

Enbridge's participation in U.S. energy infrastructure study

Consistent with our advocacy position for the North American oil and gas sector, we brought our expertise to a National Petroleum Council (NPC) study on U.S. energy transportation infrastructure at the request of the secretary of energy.

Al Monaco serves on the Council, reflecting Enbridge's support of North America as a preferred source of responsibly-sourced energy to meet domestic and global demand while reducing emissions. Al was also one of the senior executives who served on the steering committee for this infrastructure study. This NPC study, titled [Dynamic Delivery: America's Evolving Oil and Natural Gas Transportation Infrastructure](#), was published in December 2019 after an 18-month effort.

It examines changes in supply and demand amidst shale development, current infrastructure and future outlook, the role of government and regulatory agencies in permitting, and impacts of emerging and future technologies. The study includes analysis, findings and policy recommendations with collaboration and input from industry, academia, non-governmental organizations and the U.S. government.

In terms of future outlook, the report aligns with [our view](#) that oil and gas will play critical roles in tackling global energy demand in the decades ahead; in fact, the International Energy Agency forecasts more than half of 2040 demand will be met by these two commodities.