

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION 20-56 Aw 11/25/2021

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LINE 5 TUNNEL

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Shutting down the line would require the transportation of the product by train or truck which could lead to environmental issues if accidents occurred plus the wear and tear on the roads by the large amount of trucks that would be needed to transport the product; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has proposed to invest \$500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot thick concrete walls 100 feet underground to make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

**WHEREAS**, Recent litigation to close down Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the courts with no assurance of the outcome, delaying the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years; and


**WHEREAS**, Consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

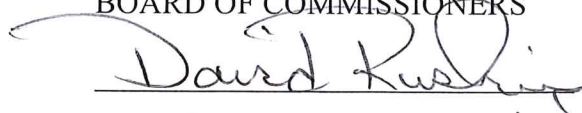

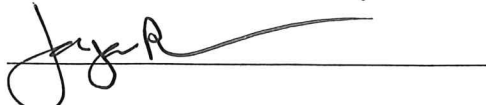
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, hereby joins with other Michigan counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

**Dated:** December 10, 2020

Reviewed and Approved by:

  
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