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S. R. No. 41

Senators Yuko, Gavarone

A RESOLUTION

To urge the Governor of the State of Michigan and 1
the Director of the Michigan Department of 2
Natural Resources to make all efforts to keep 3
Enbridge Line 5 operating. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Gretchen Whitmer is the Governor of Michigan, and 5
Dan Eichinger is the Director of the Michigan Department of 6
Natural Resources; and 7

WHEREAS, In 1953, the State of Michigan granted an easement 8
to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc., and its successors and 9
assigns (hereinafter the 1953 Easement); and 10

WHEREAS, Enbridge is an energy delivery company, and 11
successor to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc.; and 12

WHEREAS, The 1953 Easement allowed the construction, 13
operation, and maintenance of dual petroleum pipelines through 14
the Straits of Mackinac; and 15

WHEREAS, Enbridge now maintains and operates the pipeline 16
constructed pursuant to the 1953 Easement, known as the Enbridge 17
Line 5 pipeline (hereinafter Line 5); and 18

WHEREAS, Line 5 supports Enbridge in providing the crude 19
oil refined at PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 20

Husky Toledo Refinery, both in Oregon, Ohio; and 21

WHEREAS, PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. employs 585 people 22
and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery employs 625 people; and 23

WHEREAS, The United States has lost substantial oil 24
refining capacity due to COVID-19 and the loss of demand it 25
created; and 26

WHEREAS, Without service from Line 5, PBF Energys Toledo 27
Refining Co. plant and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery are likely 28
to close permanently, leaving 1,210 hard-working Ohioans 29
unemployed; and 30

WHEREAS, PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 31
Husky Toledo Refinery engage contractors who employ hundreds 32
more blue-collar workers for ongoing construction, safety 33
upgrades, and maintenance upgrades; and 34

WHEREAS, The loss of additional oil refining capacity will 35
leave the United State more dependent on foreign sources of 36
refined oil products; and 37

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to a \$500 million project 38
to replace the current pipelines that run through the Straights 39
of Mackinac with a new tunnel and line buried four hundred feet 40
beneath the Straights; and 41

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to use steel made in the 42
United States, pipe fabricated in the United States, and union 43
labor for construction on the replacement project; now therefore 44
be it 45

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of 46
the State of Ohio respectfully urges Governor Whitmer and 47
Director Eichinger to work with Enbridge and other interested 48
parties to keep Line 5 safely operating, to protect jobs, the 49
economy, and national security; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate of the 134th General	51
Assembly of the State of Ohio transmit duly authenticated copies	52
of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the	53
Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and	54
the news media of Ohio and Michigan.	55