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The Honorable Brian Baldrige  
Chairman, Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Baldrige:

I write today on behalf of PBF Energy Inc. and the company's 4,000 plus employees, including about 500 full time employees working in Ohio. We fervently support Representative Sheehy's proposed resolution (H.R. 13). H.R. 13 urges the State of Michigan to allow Enbridge Line 5 to continue operating until a new pipeline and tunnel are constructed beneath the lakebed of the Straits of Mackinac, safely tested, and put into service.

The currently operating line presents no immediate health, safety or environmental concerns according to the federal authority that regulates pipelines, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Additionally, Line 5 is a critical energy artery for Great Lakes area refineries. The oil moving through the pipeline represents over 40 percent of the total crude supplied to the region's 1.3 million barrels per day of refining capacity. In Ohio, the pipeline provides our Toledo refinery with a substantial portion of its crude oil, enabling the facility to produce approximately 15 percent of Ohio's fuel supply, along with a significant portion of the jet fuel supplied to the Detroit Metro Airport. Not only does PBF's Toledo Refinery help literally fuel Ohio and Michigan, but it produces propane to heat homes and fill barbeque grills, as well as chemical feedstocks that go into products consumers rely on every day.

Shutting down this crucial energy link would have profound negative effects on the State of Ohio and the region, threatening thousands of well-paying union jobs, risking consumer fuel price hikes and supply interruptions, while disrupting supply chains that rely on petroleum-based building block chemicals used in cell phones, packaging, medicines, plastics, fiberglass, building materials, clothing, and thousands of other applications.

In a few short years, the tunnel will be built and used for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will effectively take any environmental risk from minimal, where it currently resides, to zero from a statistical perspective. We applaud Representative Sheehy and your committee for urging the State of Michigan to take the sensible and pragmatic step of leaving Line 5 open to safely operate as it has since 1953, while the new tunnel and pipeline are constructed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Lucey", written over a white background.

Matthew Lucey  
President