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House Transportation and Public Safety Committee
House Resolution 13
Testimony of Justin Donley
March 16, 2021

Good morning Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, and Ranking Member Sheehy and thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on the importance of House Bill 13. My name is Justin Donley. I live in Oregon, Ohio and have worked at the Toledo Refining Company for nearly 18 years. I am also the current President of the United Steelworkers Local 912 representing the nearly 350 hourly workers who safely operate and maintain the Toledo Refining Company for PBF Energy.

House Bill 13 supports the Great Lakes Tunnel Project to replace Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline and the continued operation of the current line while the project is completed. Enbridge Line 5 is a hydrocarbon pipeline that crosses the Straits of Mackinac that transports petroleum and liquid gas products from Wisconsin and Canada. The Toledo Refining Company, which resides in both Oregon and Toledo, Ohio, receives the bulk of its raw material supply through Line 5. Without Line 5 the Toledo Refining Company's future is at risk, along with all of its family and community sustaining jobs.

Currently there are no feasible and prudent alternatives of supply that would sustain operation of the PBF Toledo Refinery. Our refinery processes the equivalent of close to 1000 tanker trucks daily and the equivalent of 2000 trucks full of product move daily, one way through Line 5. The street system where the refinery is located is not capable of handling the traffic increase it would take to move that amount of product, even if it were, the refinery doesn't have the infrastructure to move that amount of material by truck. Put simply, a pre-mature shutdown of Line 5 means a shut down of my refinery and further economic collapse of the Northern Ohio/Southern Michigan economy, while forcing more petroleum products onto Ohio and Michigan Roadways.

In addition to the pride that comes with being part of a company and workforce that has been part of the Toledo/Oregon, Ohio communities for over 125 years, our members, along with the salaried and management employees at the refinery, are extremely proud of our strong philanthropic partnerships. Our refinery is in the heart of Toledo's East Side neighborhood which has always inspired us to be a partner in this community. The leadership of PBF and the Toledo refinery not only encourage our philanthropy, but they also participate in it with matching programs, as well as additional donations of their own. Along with my written testimony I have attached photos of a sampling of the donations that have been made, education we have given, and projects we have led, participated in, and supported. USW Local 912 members and their families, as well as our salaried coworkers in the refinery, would suffer a devastating loss of income if our refinery were to close due to a Line 5 shutdown. We would also be devastated to know that we would no longer be able to contribute to our community partners in the way they have come to rely on.

Passage of House Bill 13, supporting the continued operation of Enbridge Line 5 while the Great Lakes Tunnel Project is completed will ultimately accomplish the goal of removing the current Line from the Straits of Mackinac while continuing to safely deliver energy and jobs. While I support the tunnel project, I am also committed to holding Enbridge accountable to follow strong labor and environmental standards. Enbridge's desire to place the Line 5 pipeline within a tunnel deep below the Straits of Mackinac at no cost to taxpayers is a commonsense solution to further protect our environment, provide the energy that we all rely on, and create good union jobs for Michigan residents. Keeping the existing Line 5 operational during this project will protect hundreds of full-time jobs at the Toledo Refining Company and thousands of secondary jobs in the surrounding communities. It will also protect the over 5 billion dollars of economic activity the Toledo Refining Company provides to the region and the continuation of strong philanthropic partnerships in both Oregon and Toledo, Ohio.

In closing I urge you to support House Resolution 13 to protect good jobs and the environment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.