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District 1

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee
House Resolution 13
Testimony of Tiffany McKee
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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, and Ranking Member Sheehy Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment. My name is Tiffany McKee. I am the District 1 Rapid Response Coordinator for the United Steelworkers which covers the state of Ohio.

The issues surrounding Line 5 not only affect the Steelworkers members we represent across Ohio, but the economies of both Ohio & Michigan. These are family sustaining high-wage jobs that rely on the safe and continued operation of the line. Line 5 supplies crude oil to PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Company and the BP-Husky refinery in Ohio where the USW represents nearly 700 working people. Without Line 5, PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Company workers' jobs are in jeopardy.

Products manufactured from Line 5 supply the majority of jet fuel to the Detroit Metro Airport, 30% of Ohio's gasoline, and 40% of gasoline for southeastern Michigan. These refiners in northwest Ohio also supply energy to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Akron, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland, Ohio.

On an average day, the workers at the Toledo Refining Company produce:

- Enough gasoline to fill 224,000 cars (15 gallons each)
- Enough diesel to drive a semi from NY to LA 2,700 times
- Enough jet fuel to fly around the world 42 times on a Boeing 737 loaded with 100 passengers
- Enough propane to fill 45,000 grill propane tanks
- Enough butane to fill 160,000,000 BIC lighters
- 120,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil a day
- 400,000 gallons of Petro-chemicals a day
- And 50 tons of Sulfur a day

I believe we all have the same goal, to remove the pipeline from the waters of the Straits of Mackinac without crippling energy supplies & the economy. Federal DOT safety regulators have noted that pipeline continues to be the safest way to transport oil and gas. The pipeline was constructed in 1963 and we agree that it is time for it to be

replaced. The proposed project to build a tunnel deep beneath the Straits and replacement line in the tunnel will both protect the environment and the high-wage, family sustaining jobs for the members we are proud to represent at the PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Company and BP-Husky refineries.

Our members at PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Company and their families have been fighting to safeguard their jobs and livelihoods for years. A premature shutdown of Line 5 would both end their fight and threaten their livelihoods, as there are no feasible alternatives to supply the crude products needed for this refinery. The shutdown of Line 5 would deeply and adversely impact Ohio refineries and put more than 1,000 Ohioans out of work while pulling the plug on the over 5 billion dollars of economic activity this refinery adds to the region.

We are asking for your support in urging the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to make all efforts to keep Enbridge Line 5 operating until the Great Lakes Tunnel Project can be completed and the line can safely be removed from the waterway. I urge this committee to pass Ohio House Resolution 13 and recommend its swift passage on the House floor. Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.