

**Ohio Senate**  
**Energy Committee Hearing on S.R. 41**

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- Good afternoon. I'm Scott Hayes, and I work on the leadership team at PBF Energy's Toledo Refinery.
- I stand with Senator Gavarone on urging the State of Michigan to leave Line 5 open while the new tunnel is constructed. It has operated safely since 1952 and PHMSA, the federal authority which enforces pipeline safety has declared the current line is safe to operate for the foreseeable future.
- Line 5 is a vital energy artery for the Midwest, supplying reliable, North American sources of crude oil to refineries in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.
- Crude oil transported via Line 5 is critical to support the operations of PBF Energy's Toledo Refinery and other Northwest Ohio fuel manufacturers that typically produce:
  - 30 percent of Ohio's gasoline and 42 percent of Southeastern Michigan's gasoline;
  - 35 percent of Ohio's diesel and 14 percent of non-jet diesel for Southeastern Michigan; and
  - The majority of the fuel to the Detroit Airport. Northwest Ohio's refiners are also major suppliers to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, Indiana, Akron, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland airports.
- In fact, the 500,000 barrels per day of crude that move through the pipeline represents approximately 42 percent of regional refineries' crude manufacturing capacity.
- Without Line 5, the Midwest would face significant fuel supply constraints, which would likely result in significantly higher fuel costs, fuel availability concerns and job losses.
- The jobs and regional economic impact of just our facility alone cannot be understated. Toledo Refinery employs over 550 people full time, with another 500 to 1200 contractors. These are well paying, union jobs employed by the NWOBT.
- First Energy estimates our refinery contributes \$5.2 Billion annually in total direct and indirect economic benefit to Northwest Ohio.
- Without the crude oil traveling through Line 5, refineries like ours could be put at risk.
- The COVID19 epidemic has wreaked havoc on the U.S. refining sector. The sudden and massive fuel demand decreases associated with necessary pandemic response measures has already led to six American refineries permanently closing in just the last few months.