



Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
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Testimony of Justin Donley
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Good morning Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on the importance of Senate Resolution 41. 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.

Senate Resolution 41 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 which is imperative to the energy security of Ohio, Michigan, and the entire Midwest region.

Enbridge Line 5 is a hydrocarbon pipeline that crosses the Straits of Mackinac and 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 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 Toledo 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 shutdown 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 a leading supplier of transportation fuels to the Midwest region of our country for over 125 years, our members, along with the salaried and management employees at the refinery live, work and raise their families in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. One only has to pick up a newspaper to see the devastating effects an unplanned shutdown of an oil pipeline has on families, communities, and businesses alike. The unplanned shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline last month created a fuel supply emergency for 17 states and gas stations as far north as Pennsylvania ran into shortages, driving up gasoline prices and wreaking havoc for millions of motorists who were about to hit the road for summer travel. The shutdown of Enbridge Line 5 without a proven plan to continue the transport of the over 540,000 barrels a day of crude oil is not only bad policy but could prove to be detrimental to area businesses and communities alike. The Great Lakes Tunnel Project offers a commonsense solution, at no cost to the taxpayer, to any risk, real or otherwise, that Enbridge Line 5 poses. It will not only create good paying union jobs for the life of the project, but it will protect the jobs that Line 5 supports ensuring that the energy needs of our economy and communities are met, allowing them to grow and prosper.

I would like to leave this committee with a few interesting facts about what my members do every day at the Toledo Refining Company. We produce enough gasoline to fill 224,000 cars at 15 gallons each; enough diesel to drive a semi from New York to Los Angeles 2,700 times; enough jet fuel to fly a Boeing 737 carrying 100 passengers around the world 42 times; enough propane to fill 45,000 grill propane tanks; and enough butane to fill 160,000,000 million BIC lighters. All of this in addition to the hundreds of thousands of gallons a day of heavy fuel oil and petrochemicals we produce that go into everyday products like clothing, medicine, plastics, cleaning products and so much more. If Line 5 shuts down prematurely the demand for these products doesn't go away.

In closing I urge you to protect good jobs and the environment by supporting Senate Resolution 41, and the continued operation of Enbridge Line 5 while the Great Lakes Tunnel project is completed. Thank you for the opportunity to testify here today.