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**Senators Gavarone, Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To urge the President of the United States to make 1  
all efforts to keep Enbridge Line 5 operating. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Joseph Biden is the President of the United 3  
States; and 4

WHEREAS, Gretchen Whitmer is the Governor of Michigan; and 5

WHEREAS, In 1953, the State of Michigan granted an easement 6  
to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc., and its successors and 7  
assigns (hereinafter the 1953 Easement); and 8

WHEREAS, Enbridge is an energy delivery company, and 9  
successor to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc.; and 10

WHEREAS, The 1953 Easement allowed the construction, 11  
operation, and maintenance of dual petroleum pipelines through 12  
the Straits of Mackinac; and 13

WHEREAS, Enbridge now maintains and operates the pipeline 14  
constructed pursuant to the 1953 Easement, known as the Enbridge 15  
Line 5 pipeline (hereinafter Line 5); and 16

WHEREAS, In November 2020, Governor Whitmer ordered 17  
Enbridge to cease operations on Line 5; and 18

WHEREAS, Line 5 supports Enbridge in providing the crude 19  
oil refined at PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 20

Husky Toledo Refinery, both in Oregon, Ohio; and 21

WHEREAS, PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. employs 585 people 22  
and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery employs 625 people; and 23

WHEREAS, The United States has lost substantial oil 24  
refining capacity due to COVID-19 and the loss of demand it 25  
created; and 26

WHEREAS, The closure of Line 5 will significantly impact 27  
operations at PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 28  
Husky Toledo Refinery, and could potentially close a refinery, 29  
leaving hundreds of hard-working Ohioans unemployed; and 30

WHEREAS, PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 31  
Husky Toledo Refinery engage contractors who employ hundreds 32  
more blue-collar workers for ongoing construction, safety 33  
upgrades, and maintenance upgrades; and 34

WHEREAS, The loss of additional oil refining capacity will 35  
leave the United State more dependent on foreign sources of 36  
refined oil products; and 37

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to a \$500 million project 38  
to replace the current pipelines that run through the Straights 39  
of Mackinac with a new tunnel and line buried four hundred feet 40  
beneath the Straights; and 41

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to use steel made in the 42  
United States, pipe fabricated in the United States, and union 43  
labor for construction on the replacement project; now therefore 44  
be it 45

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of 46  
the State of Ohio respectfully urges President Biden to work 47  
with Governor Whitmer, Enbridge, and other interested parties to 48  
keep Line 5 safely operating, to protect jobs, the economy, and 49  
national security; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate of the 134th General	51
Assembly of the State of Ohio transmit duly authenticated copies	52
of this resolution to the President of the United States and the	53
news media of Ohio.	54