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A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Governor of the State of Michigan and 1
the Director of the Michigan Department of 2
Natural Resources to make all efforts to keep 3
Enbridge Line 5 operating. 4

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

WHEREAS, Gretchen Whitmer is the Governor of Michigan, and 5
Dan Eichinger is the Director of the Michigan Department of 6
Natural Resources; and 7

WHEREAS, In 1953, the State of Michigan granted an easement 8
to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc., and its successors and 9
assigns (hereinafter the 1953 Easement); and 10

WHEREAS, Enbridge is an energy delivery company, and 11
successor to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc.; and 12

WHEREAS, The 1953 Easement allowed the construction, 13
operation, and maintenance of dual petroleum pipelines through 14
the Straits of Mackinac; and 15

WHEREAS, Enbridge now maintains and operates the pipeline 16

constructed pursuant to the 1953 Easement, known as the Enbridge 17
Line 5 pipeline (hereinafter 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, ~~Without service from The closure of Line 5, will~~ 27
~~significantly impact operations at PBF Energys Energy's Toledo~~ 28
~~Refining Co. plant and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery are likely~~ 29
~~to, and could potentially close permanently a refinery, leaving~~ 30
~~1,210 hundreds of hard-working Ohioans unemployed; and~~ 31

WHEREAS, PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP- 32
Husky Toledo Refinery engage contractors who employ hundreds 33
more blue-collar workers for ongoing construction, safety 34
upgrades, and maintenance upgrades; and 35

WHEREAS, The loss of additional oil refining capacity will 36
leave the United State more dependent on foreign sources of 37
refined oil products; and 38

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to a \$500 million project 39
to replace the current pipelines that run through the Straights 40
of Mackinac with a new tunnel and line buried four hundred feet 41
beneath the Straights; and 42

WHEREAS, Enbridge has committed to use steel made in the 43
United States, pipe fabricated in the United States, and union 44
labor for construction on the replacement project; now therefore 45
be it 46

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of 47
the State of Ohio respectfully urges Governor Whitmer and 48
Director Eichinger to work with Enbridge and other interested 49
parties to keep Line 5 safely operating, to protect jobs, the 50
economy, and national security; and be it further 51

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate of the 134th General 52
Assembly of the State of Ohio transmit duly authenticated copies 53
of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the 54
Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and 55
the news media of Ohio and Michigan. 56