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A RESOLUTION

To urge 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.

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

WHILEAS, Gretchen Whitmer is the Governor of Michigan, and
Dan Eichinger is the Director of the Michigan Department of
Natural Resources; and

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

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

WHILEAS, The 1953 Easement allowed the construction,
operation, and maintenance of dual petroleum pipelines through
the Straits of Mackinac; and

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

WHILEAS, Line 5 supports Enbridge in providing the crude
oil refined at PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP-
Husky Toledo Refinery, both in Oregon, Ohio; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Without service from Line 5, PBF Energys Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery are likely to close permanently, leaving 1,210 hard-working Ohioans unemployed; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio respectfully urges Governor Whitmer and Director Eichinger to work with Enbridge and other interested parties to keep Line 5 safely operating, to protect jobs, the economy, and national security; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the news media of Ohio and Michigan.