

RESOLUTION

XX-2019

Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Michigan for more than 65 years; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and,

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and,

WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge has proposed to invest \$500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground and make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and,

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed;

WHEREAS, within Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties BATA (Bay Area Transportation Authority) busses run clean emission free propane, a fuel which is transported through Line 5, to offer vehicle life cycle greenhouse (GHG) emissions benefits over conventional fuels,

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with Dickinson County in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grand Traverse County sends this resolution to all counties of Michigan as an invitation to join in expressing support for increasing the safety of our current energy infrastructure as our society simultaneously seeks energy efficiencies and energy alternatives that will continue to reduce negative impacts and risks to our environment.

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