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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write in support for the continued operation of the Enbridge Line 5, which supplies energy and fuel to the people and businesses of Northwest Ohio.

The issue has drawn international attention as Michigan's attempt to close the pipeline has led Canada to take the unprecedented step of invoking dispute resolution provisions of the 1977 Transit Pipeline Treaty.

Any disruption in Line 5 operations would have a devastating impact on the economy of Northwest Ohio, further harming industry supply chains, eliminating thousands of good-paying jobs, and increasing the cost of fuel for transportation, heat for homes and products Americans use every day.

The closure of this vital resource would put our state and region at a great disadvantage as the nation continues to recover from the COVID-19 global pandemic. Not only would its closure impact Ohio, which could lose an estimated \$13.7 billion in economic activity and 20,000 jobs, but a report by the Consumer Energy Alliance estimated that shutting down Line 5 will have widespread implications for the economies of Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania including:

- **\$20.8 billion loss in economic activity**
- **\$8.3 billion reduction in combined Gross State Product**
- **\$2.36 billion foregone labor earnings in salaries, wages and benefits.**
- **33,755 lost jobs**
- **\$265.7 million lower annual state tax revenues.**

As elected officials, we have the responsibility to seek solutions that protect the health, safety and prosperity of American citizens. In the case of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline, a solution balancing the environmental and economic interests does exist. A solution achieving this balance has been proposed by the pipeline owners and passed into law – with bipartisan support – in the State of Michigan. We encourage the state of Michigan and federal officials to work with the Canadian government and Enbridge to implement this legally binding solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Governor

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Lt. Governor