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Representative Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Hicks-Hudson, Hoops, Sobecki

A RESOLUTION

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 oil refined at PBF Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery, both in Oregon, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, PBF Energy's 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 Energy's Toledo Refining Co. plant and the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery are likely to close permanently, leaving 1,210 hard-working Ohioans unemployed; and

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives 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 House of Representatives 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.