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Special Committee on the Economic Relationship between Canada and the United States  
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6  
Canada

**RE: Support for the Continued Operation of Line 5**

Dear Committee Members,

Canada and the United States derive tremendous benefits from our historic cooperation around trade, infrastructure, and supply chains.

Enbridge's Line 5 is an example of existing infrastructure that embodies that mutually beneficial relationship. Shutting down Line 5 – even temporarily – would significantly increase energy costs for residents and businesses and eliminate thousands of well-paying jobs on both sides of the border.

Line 5 supplies roughly half of the oil used by Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario, Line 5 enables the domestic production of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and other petroleum products, a far more cost-effective solution than relying on imports from refineries in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Line 5 also supplies crude oil to the Sarnia Petrochemical Manufacturing Complex, which directly employs over 4,900 people and is responsible for an additional 23,500 jobs (approximately one-third of the region's employment).

In addition to petroleum products, Line 5 is also important for the production of natural gas liquids (NGL) at the Sarnia NGL facility. Sarnia's NGL output helps maintain storage levels and peak winter deliverability of propane for heating in Michigan and Ontario.

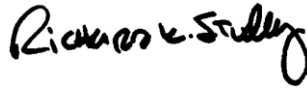
Line 5 also minimizes the use of other transportation methods such as rail, marine, and truck delivery, which reduces the strain on regional infrastructure as well as the safety risks and environmental impacts associated with moving these products.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce join businesses across Canada and the United States in urging federal officials to advocate for the continued operation of Line 5 as an economic imperative with their US counterparts. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue further.

Sincerely,



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### **About the Ontario Chamber of Commerce**

Together with almost 140 member chambers of commerce and boards of trade and our network's diverse 60,000 members, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is the indispensable partner of business.

For more than a century, the OCC has undertaken important research on Ontario's most pressing policy issues, advocating for solutions that will foster the growth of Ontario businesses and lead to the creation of jobs in the province. Through our focused programs and services, we support businesses of all sizes, encouraging workforce development and inclusive economic growth. This work is based on the belief that strong businesses are the foundation of a prosperous Ontario.

Our mission is to convene, align, and advance the interests of our members through principled policy work, value-added business services, and broad engagement to build prosperity for all Ontarians. We are the most respected, trusted, and indispensable partner of business, driving government decision-making and leveraging assets across our province-wide membership to support their growth and a competitive business climate in Ontario.

From innovative SMEs to established multinational corporations and industry associations, the OCC is committed to working with our members to improve business competitiveness across all industries. We represent local chambers of commerce and boards of trade in almost 140 communities across Ontario, steering public policy conversations provincially and within local communities.

### **About the Michigan Chamber of Commerce**

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is Michigan's leading statewide business advocacy organization, and on the job every day standing up for job providers. The Chamber is the unified



voice of over 5,000 member employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce of every size and type in all 83 counties of the state.

Since its founding in 1959, the Michigan Chamber has worked with this mission: promote conditions favorable to job creation and business success in Michigan. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce stands up for job providers and employees.

The Michigan Chamber believes in limited government, cutting wasteful government spending and reforming state government. No advocacy group is more effective than the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will continue to be a champion for economic freedom and to keep Michigan strong and the future economy healthy.