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Re: *Enbridge Lakehead System Line 5 Pipelines at the Straits of Mackinac*

Dear Mr. Wuori and Mr. Adams:

We write to you about a matter of very serious concern to the State of Michigan and its citizens: Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipelines located at the Straits of Mackinac between Lakes Huron and Michigan. As Michigan's Attorney General, and the Director of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality, one of our most important responsibilities is protecting Michigan's natural resources from pollution, impairment, and destruction.

The Great Lakes and their aquatic resources are the crown jewels of Michigan's environment and economy. The Great Lakes support multi-billion dollar fishery, boating, and tourism industries, and they are central to the way of life for Michigan's citizens. As stewards of this great resource, we are dedicated to protecting the ecological and economic values it provides to the citizens of the Great Lake State.

The Line 5 pipelines owned and operated by Enbridge Energy Partners at the Straits of Mackinac have the potential to undermine the health of the Great Lakes. As you know, this section of the Line 5 system consists of two 20-inch-diameter pipelines located on state-owned lake bottomlands. They extend a distance of more than three-and-a-half miles across the Straits. These single-walled pipelines were designed and built in 1953 and have never been replaced. Today, Enbridge uses them as part of its Line 5 to transport crude oil and other petroleum products from

Canada and the Western United States to refinery facilities in Sarnia, Ontario, at the rate of millions of gallons per day.

Enbridge's continued transport of huge quantities of oil through these 61-year-old pipelines at this extremely sensitive location in the heart of the Great Lakes raises concerns. Strong currents in the Straits could rapidly spread any oil leaked from the pipelines into both Lakes Huron and Michigan, causing grave environmental and economic harm. Efforts to contain and clean up leaks in this area would be extraordinarily difficult, especially if they occurred in winter or other severe weather conditions that commonly occur at the Straits. Even today, in late April, the Straits remain frozen over.

Simply put, the Straits pipelines present a unique risk. They are literally *in* the Great Lakes, and at the confluence of Lakes Huron and Michigan. Because of where they are, any failure will have exceptional, indeed, catastrophic effects. And because the magnitude of the resulting harm is so great, there is no margin for error. It is imperative we pursue a proactive, comprehensive approach to ensure this risk is minimized, and work together to prevent tragedy before it strikes.

Against this background, and in light of growing public concern, we believe it is essential for Enbridge to have an open dialogue with the State of Michigan about several aspects of the Straits pipelines. Accordingly, we ask that Enbridge promptly respond to a series of specific questions and requests for information about those pipelines included as Attachment 1 to this letter. The questions and requests for information include the following subjects:

- The construction, modification, estimated useful life and potential replacement of the pipelines.
- Existing and potential future uses of the pipelines.
- Pipeline inspections.
- Pipeline leak prevention, detection, and control.
- Contingency planning and spill response.
- Documentation of Enbridge's compliance with all terms and conditions of the April 23, 1953 "Straits of Mackinac Pipe Line Easement" granted by the State of Michigan to Lake Head Pipe Line, Inc., Enbridge's predecessor in interest.
- Access to Enbridge records under the terms of the Easement.

We would appreciate your written response to our requests within 60 days.

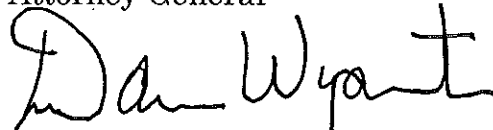
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If Enbridge would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the concerns raised in this letter and the information we have requested, please contact Assistant Attorney General Peter Manning at (517) 373-7540. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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