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Great Lakes Michigan Jobs Coalition: Permitting Critical for Great Lakes Tunnel, Michigan Jobs

‘Moving a portion of Line 5 into the Tunnel will Make a Safe Pipeline Safer’

Lansing, Mich – Michigan workers, job creators, and industry leaders today strongly urged United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and all other necessary permitting agencies to work with the company operating Line 5 and give the approval needed for construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel.

A court ruling this weekend surrounding a lawsuit in Wisconsin highlighted the critical importance of permitting for the Great Lakes Tunnel. Enbridge is working in Wisconsin to obtain permits to reroute a small portion of Line 5 away from the Bad River. Enbridge is also working in Michigan to obtain permits for the Great Lakes Tunnel.

“Line 5 is a critical part of Michigan’s energy infrastructure, and the Great Lakes Tunnel is an essential part of our energy future,” said **Mike Alaimo, Director of Environmental and Energy Affairs for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce**. “Jobs, business and manufacturing are on the line in Michigan, and they depend on permits. Now’s the time to end the delays and deliver permits so we can protect Michigan jobs, protect the Great Lakes, and break ground on the Great Lakes Tunnel.”

The Great Lakes Tunnel energy infrastructure project was approved by the Michigan legislature and signed by the governor in 2018. Construction of the Tunnel is a matter of public law.

Line 5 delivers up to 23 million gallons per day of the fuel Michigan and surrounding states use to gas up their cars, power their equipment at work, and create jobs.

Leading Michigan voices from labor, business and industry created the Great Lakes Michigan Jobs coalition to support construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel. They work together, encouraging state and federal agencies currently reviewing permit applications – and all Michiganders – to embrace the Tunnel project, and the lakes and jobs it protects.

Broad majorities of Democrats, Republicans and Independents support construction of the Tunnel, believe it’s the best solution for Line 5, and want regulators to move forward immediately with permitting for the project, according to survey results.

To learn more about the coalition and the Great Lakes Tunnel project, visit GreatLakesMichiganJobs.com.

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