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of Ontario



January 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Regarding Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline through Michigan into Ontario

On behalf of the following organizations, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg & Chick Commission, Ontario Pork and Turkey Farmers of Ontario, we are writing today on behalf of our farmer members to raise an important issue affecting Canada's energy security in Ontario and Quebec, and our oil producing provinces in the west.

As you know, Governor Gretchen Whitmer from Michigan indicated she will shut down Line 5, with no plan to replace the critical energy it delivers to Eastern Canada.

The agricultural sector drives Ontario's economy, generating more than 860,000 jobs and contributing over \$47 billion to Ontario's annual GDP. Our farmers rely on Line 5 for propane to fuel grain drying, to power irrigation systems, and for HVAC systems to maintain perishable crops and to maintain livestock facilities, including barns and brooding pens.

Line 5 delivers 53% of Ontario's crude oil and is a critical source of supply for about two-thirds of the crude consumed in Quebec. The line feeds Canadian refineries, ensuring a safe, affordable and reliable supply of gasoline, propane, diesel, jet fuel and other products. It also supports thousands of skilled trades jobs across Canada.

Enbridge Inc. is working on a long-term solution, to invest US\$500 million in a tunnel to house Line 5 deep under the Straits of Mackinac. While Line 5 has operated safely and reliably in the Straits for more than 65 years, this new tunnel will add further protection. While this construction unfolds, Line 5 must stay open. It is a critical piece of North American energy infrastructure that benefits both Canada and the U.S.

We ask the Government of Canada to work with American state and federal administrations to maintain Line 5 to ensure that families and businesses on both sides of the border continue to have a safe, affordable and reliable supply of energy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

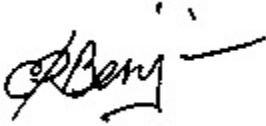
Sincerely,

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Peggy Brekvelde, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Scharringa".

Ed Scharringa, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Benjamins".

Ed Benjamins, Chicken Farmers of Ontario

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob Lipsett".

Rob Lipsett, Beef Farmers of Ontario

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William H. Bearss".

William H. Bearss, Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg & Chick Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Schwindt".

Eric Schwindt, Ontario Pork

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Ricker".

Brian Ricker, Turkey Farmers of Ontario