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Your Worship

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: LINE 5 PIPELINE

I am forwarding to you a letter written to the Prime Minister of Canada with respect to the Line 5 Pipeline.

I am bringing the matter of the Line 5 Pipeline to your attention as this is not just an issue for one community or one Province but will impact on many Canadians including those in your community.

If this pipeline is closed it will:

- dramatically increase the price of fuel in Canada as it relates to gasoline and propane.
- bring about the transportation of those fuels through other means which have greater safety concerns including rail, truck and ship, possibly through your community.
- as an arbitrary action, have significant impact on the relationship between Ontario's largest trading partner—Michigan--and will result in other ramifications. Over \$85 billion in trade per year crosses the two borders and the pipeline closing will impact negatively on other trade issues, from auto to agriculture, in the years ahead.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in reviewing this correspondence. If you wish to add your voice to the Prime Minister it would be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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

RE: LINE 5 PIPELINE

On behalf of the citizens of Sarnia I would like to express our gratitude for the work your government has done to protect Canadians through the Covid-19 pandemic.

We know protecting the ongoing economic and energy security of Canadians is paramount for your government, particularly as we move into economic recovery. This is why I am raising today my deep concern and that of the community of Sarnia Lambton that the Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer's efforts to shut down the Line 5 easement could have extremely damaging impacts on the energy needs of Canadian and U.S. consumers, as well as the businesses and livelihoods that depend on the Line 5 pipeline.

As Mayor of the City of Sarnia, the Sarnia community and region of Southwestern Ontario relies on Line 5 for thousands of jobs and economic output that strengthens both Ontario and Canada.

I am urging you to reach out to U.S. President-Elect, Joe Biden and ask that this matter be handled by upholding the 1977 Transit Pipeline Treaty, which the President-Elect voted in favour of.

A disruption of Line 5 would result in a daily shortage of over 14 million gallons of gasoline and other transportation fuels, impacting people in Ontario, Quebec, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Ten regional refineries would be significantly and adversely impacted, leading to a significant loss of jobs. Disrupting the line would also create regional propane shortages, higher energy prices and hardship for families, especially


those on fixed incomes or of modest means. That's unacceptable – even more so during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canada-U.S. 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty (negotiated by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and President Jimmy Carter – and voted for by then-first-term Senator Joe Biden) precludes this kind of interruption of existing hydrocarbon pipelines. The Transit Treaty ensures that the United States, including its individual states, cannot impede pipeline operations that Canada depends on for exports or imports.

To address Michigan's clear violation of the Transit Treaty, the document provides a mechanism for Canada to negotiate with the United States, state to state. Given the national importance of Line 5, we need you to engage assertively with the incoming Biden Administration, communicating firmly that Governor Whitmer's unlawful and baseless effort to terminate the Line 5 easement is unacceptable and in clear violation of the 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty. This is an action only you and your government can take and we are urging you to move quickly.

The Governor's attempt to revoke and terminate the Line 5 easement is improper, unlawful and will negatively impact people, energy and economic security on both sides of the border. Enbridge is currently seeking permit approval for the tunnel project and replacement pipeline which, upon completion, will make a safe Straits crossing even safer. We and many others need you to take action to ensure a peaceful resolution to this issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

The Honourable Bill Walker, Associate Minister of Energy