



# KEY VOTE ALERT

**TO:** Members of the Ohio House

**FROM:** Stephanie Kromer, Director, Energy & Environmental Policy

**RE:** Upcoming Floor Vote on House Resolution 13

**DATE:** March 25, 2021

On March 23rd, 2021, House Resolution 13 was voted out of the House Transportation Committee and is scheduled for a vote on the House floor today. Therefore, Ohio Chamber of Commerce would like to denote this legislation as a priority for the business community.

We are pleased to support efforts to urge Michigan's Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, and the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to keep Enbridge Line 5 operational. Line 5 is critical not only to Michigan's economy, but to Ohio's economy as well. For decades, Line 5 has safely delivered products to refineries in northwest Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ontario. Ohio businesses, employees and families depend on Line 5, and are counting on construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel to protect the Great Lakes and local economies all while keeping energy prices affordable for consumers. As a result, **your vote on HR 13 will be reflected in the Ohio Chamber's General Assembly Voting Record.**

Shutting down Line 5 would not only be devastating to Ohio and Michigan's economy, but it would also negatively affect the economy from a regional perspective. For decades, Line 5 has safely delivered over 500,000 barrels per day of crude supply to refineries in northwest Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ontario. This represents approximately 42 percent of regional refineries' crude manufacturing capacity. Without Line 5, the Midwest would face significant fuel supply constraints, which would likely result in significantly higher fuel costs and fuel availability concerns. Also, if the pipeline is taken offline, refineries could be forced to eliminate more than 1200 good-paying jobs. As we fight to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the thousands of jobs this project will create and support are more important than ever.

The Ohio Chamber urges you to vote **"yes"** on HR 13. If you have any questions about this bill or the Ohio Chamber's position, please contact me at 614-228-4201 or [skromer@ohiochamber.com](mailto:skromer@ohiochamber.com).

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