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## **Ohio Chamber of Commerce Statement on Line 5**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Steve Stivers, regarding today's decision by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to dismiss her federal lawsuit against the continued operation of Line 5.

"Gov. Whitmer's decision to end her federal lawsuit that attempted to shut down Line 5 shows she knows how weak her case is. While she is continuing her legal challenge in state court, we are confident the law will ultimately halt her efforts to wreck the economy of the Great Lakes region. Amidst rising gas and energy prices for Ohioans and Ohio businesses, the Ohio Chamber will continue our efforts in court, because Line 5 is an economic engine delivering half a million barrels per day of crude oil that account for 42 percent of our region's refinery capacity.

Despite Gov. Whitmer's efforts to shut down Line 5, the operation of the pipeline and the construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel have received bipartisan support from national, international and state leaders such as Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted."

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is the state's leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

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