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Ohio Chamber Joins Amicus Brief in Support of Keeping Line 5 Open

COLUMBUS - The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, along with five other business organizations including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce, filed an amicus brief in support of Enbridge's lawsuit that seeks to keep Line 5 open. The amicus brief was filed today in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in *Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer*. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full amicus brief filed today.

"At a time when the national average for gas is over \$4.30 per gallon, policymakers need to look for ways to drive up oil production domestically and in North America. That is why the Ohio Chamber continued our legal efforts to stop Michigan's Governor from single-handedly stifling oil production in our state," said Steve Stivers. "The Line 5 pipeline is a critical part of reducing America's demand for Russian oil because it accounts for 43 percent of the Great Lakes' refinery capacity and transports half a million barrels of crude oil per day."

In November of 2020, Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer revoked a land use agreement that enabled Enbridge to operate the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. This action has been entangled in legal disputes ever since, including lawsuits in both federal and state courts.

At each stage of the litigation, Governor Whitmer has attempted to evade federal law-making decisions regarding Line 5, even though federal law makes it clear she overstepped her authority when she sought to close down Line 5. The Ohio Chamber has now filed two amicus briefs in federal courts highlighting Governor Whitmer's significant overreach and how Line 5 is a key economic tool in Ohio and across the Great Lakes Region.

The impact of shutting down the Line 5 pipeline will have substantial consequences for Ohio companies and the state's economy. In fact, Toledo's refineries, which will be severely impacted by Line 5's closure, produce 30 percent of the gasoline and 35 percent of diesel consumed in Ohio. Likewise, limiting production at Ohio's oil refineries is estimated to drive up fuel prices approximately 10 percent in Ohio.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce will continue to push for Line 5 to remain open to bolster domestic oil production. Maintaining the operation of Line 5 is a key part of developing an all of the above energy strategy that can restore America's energy independence and drive economic growth in the Buckeye State.

The Ohio Chamber 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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