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To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: Case U-20763
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 5:06:29 PM

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Respectfully,

Susan Offield

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Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Emily Hughes


Harbor Springs MI 49740

From: [Melissa VerDuin](#)
To: [LARA:MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Yours sincerely,
Melissa VerDuin
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, United States

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From: [Mary Beth Gentry](#)
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Yours sincerely,
Mary Beth Gentry
Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, United States

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Yours sincerely,
Loralee Carrel
Rockford, Michigan, 49341, United States

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From: [Diane Brandstetler](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: Enbridge Application Case No. U-20763
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:00:27 PM

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Dear MPSC Commissioners,

My first question is why would we even consider allowing Enbridge to build a tunnel in the middle of a climate crisis? Is it to allow the continuation of the brutal attack on our environment for another 60 years? What is this doing to help this tragedy? I strongly urge you to reject Enbridge Energy's request for a declaratory ruling that they do not need MPSC approval for their proposal to build an oil tunnel in the bottomlands of the Straits of Mackinac. The 1953 easement granted to Enbridge's predecessor, Lakehead Pipeline Co., was an easement to operate twin pipelines on the lakebed and contained no consideration of a subsurface tunnel. Further, as you are aware there is currently an ongoing lawsuit on behalf of the people of Michigan asserting among other things that the 1953 easement ought to be considered void because the potentially disastrous impact of an oil spill in the public trust waters of the Straits of Mackinac was not fully considered prior to issuance of the easement.

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Subject: Enbridge Application Case No. U-20763
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Dear MPSC Commissioners,

From one Michigan resident to another, you ought to seriously reject Enbridge Energy's request for a declaratory ruling that they do not need MPSC approval for their proposal to build an oil tunnel in the bottomlands of the Straits of Mackinac. The 1953 easement granted to Enbridge's predecessor, Lakehead Pipeline Co., was an easement to operate twin pipelines on the lakebed and contained no consideration of a subsurface tunnel. Further, as you are aware there is currently an ongoing lawsuit on behalf of the people of Michigan asserting among other things that the 1953 easement ought to be considered void because the potentially disastrous impact of an oil spill in the public trust waters of the Straits of Mackinac was not fully considered prior to issuance of the easement.

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Yours sincerely,
Christian Villagomez
Kentwood, Michigan, 49548, United States

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From: [Sam Seltzer-Johnston](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Kind Regards,
Sam Seltzer-Johnston
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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From: [Jennifer Griffin](#)
To: [LARA:MPSC:EDOCKETS](#)
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Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Griffin
Mackinac Island, Michigan, 49757, United States

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From: [Elena Wakeman](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: Enbridge Application Case No. U-20763
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 4:56:38 PM

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Dear MPSC Commissioners,

Following is the form letter that I agree with wholeheartedly. Enbridge does not have a safe track record in the state of Michigan. My husband and I have a cabin on Lake Huron in Oscoda. There is already pollution in the area from the now closed Air Force Base. Then there was the poisoning of Flint in order to save money. Then we have Nestle practically stealing our fresh water because we don't have laws on the books to protect it. It is time to protect the fresh water we are so blessed to have around us, not just for us, but for future generations.

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Yours sincerely,
Elena B. Wakeman

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From: [Karen Achimov](#)
To: [LARA:MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Yours sincerely,
Karen Achimov
Fenton, Michigan, 48430, United States

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To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Larry Gephart
Rockford, Michigan, 49341, United States

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Yours sincerely,
Megan Mrozek

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From: [Margaret Tvedten](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Respectfully,

Margaret Tvedten

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harbor springs, mi 49740

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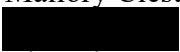
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Mallory Clester

Sincerely,
Mallory Clester


Riverview, MI 48193

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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Jeanne Harlan-Marriott

HOLLY, MI 48442

From: [MARK KENNEDY](#)
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Subject: RE: Case no. U-20763
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Sincerely,
MARK KENNEDY


Ann Arbor, MI 48103

From: [Andrew McFarlane](#)
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Sincerely,
Andrew McFarlane


Detroit, MI 48201

From: [Mary Workinger](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Respectfully,
Mary Workinger

Sincerely,
Mary Workinger


Spring Lake, MI 49456

From: [Mara Salerno](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Mara Salerno


Chicago, IL 60657

From: [Natalie Ziemba](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Natalie Ziemba


Woodstock, IL 60098

From: [Emilie Mullins](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Please protect our Great Lakes. Shutdown Line 5 now and do not allow a new pipeline to be built. We don't need it, it's not safe.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Emilie Mullins


Blissfield, MI 49228

From: [Mark Dwyer](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: RE: Case no. U-20763
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:56:43 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

RE: Case no. U-20763

Please do not let Enbridge Energy destroy Michigan's natural resources in the name of profit. The people of Michigan do not need more natural resource destruction to benefit corporation's who have no motive to keep our waters clean. By letting this company unilaterally dismiss an ongoing lawsuit, you are letting them unilaterally dismissing your regulatory capacity as an agency of the law. Do not let them run roughshod over you, the people of Michigan or the law.

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Respectfully,
Mark Dwyer
Concerned Citizen

Sincerely,
Mark Dwyer


Livonia, MI 48150

From: [Christopher Wensley](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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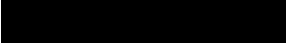
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Respectfully,

Christopher A. Wensley

Sincerely,
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Chicago, IL 60607

From: [Leah Chibe](#)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Leah Chibe


Petoskey, MI 49770

From: [Jamie Guy-Ostrowski](mailto:Jamie.Guy-Ostrowski@mpsc.state.mi.us)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](mailto:LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS@mpsc.state.mi.us)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Jamie Guy-Ostrowski

Garden City, MI 48135

From: [Joseph Mayfield](#)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Joseph Mayfield


Grapevine, TX 76051

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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Kerry Berry


Bay City, MI 48706

From: [Sherry Rogers](#)
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Respectfully,

Sincerely,
Sherry Rogers



Wilmington, DE 19807

From: [Daniel Roehrig](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Sincerely,
Daniel Roehrig


Ann Arbor, MI 48104

From: [Kristen Pearce](#)
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Sincerely,
Kristen Pearce


Chicago, IL 60608

From: [Karen Byrne](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Sincerely,
Karen Byrne


Westchester, IL 60154

From: [Joe Graham](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
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Respectfully,

Joseph Graham



Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RE: Case U-20763

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We are in favor of allowing Enbridge to encase the Line 5 in the Straits area. We are in favor because it allows for move out of propane, which heats our home, jet fuel and other fuels we all use. Without this, we could see prices spike to levels we couldn't afford. We watched as Enbridge worked in our area laying new pipe to Marysville a couple years ago. We feel very secure in their work.

Please allow the Enbridge do this project as soon as possible

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