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Lt. Gen. Scott A. Spellmon and Gov. Whitmer,

On behalf of the millions of Michigan residents we collectively represent, we urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to end its unreasonable delay of the permitting process for the Great Lakes Tunnel Project for Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac.

Michigan uses more propane for residential purposes than any other state, and more than half of that propane comes through Line 5. Approved with bipartisan support in 2018, the Great Lakes Tunnel Project will ensure families continue to receive the propane they need to heat their homes, protect our Great Lakes, and create thousands of good-paying jobs, mainly union jobs, in our state.

In Michigan, Line 5 provides jobs to over 6,000 hardworking residents and over \$464 million in labor income. Tens of thousands of jobs are dependent upon Line 5 in downstream industries such as refineries, manufacturers, airports and businesses that rely upon all the energy products coming from the line.

Construction on this critical project was originally scheduled to begin in 2021, and the tunnel was expected to be operational by 2024. Now, due in large part to the ongoing delay in permitting, the project has been set back several years. Most recently, your office indicated a decision is not expected until 2026.

Such a delay is a tremendous disservice to the people of Michigan and the Great Lakes region. Line 5 is a crucial energy artery, delivering more than 22 million gallons of oil and natural gas to refineries in three states and two Canadian provinces. This is energy millions of Americans and Canadians rely upon to heat our homes and fuel our cars. The Great Lakes Tunnel Project is our opportunity to ensure this energy source remains safe and reliable for years to come.

While the tunnel project awaits permitting approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, essential state permits also remain unresolved. Gov. Whitmer, we ask that you direct your state agencies and the Michigan Public Service Commission to expedite their permitting processes so thousands of Michigan union workers can finally begin construction, and all the dependent and

connected industries, businesses, workers and citizens can have assurance of continued service and energy.

Fall has arrived. Another long Michigan winter is right around the corner. Millions of Michiganders who rely on the propane from Line 5 to keep their families warm deserve better than continued delays from state and federal agencies. It is imperative that the Great Lakes Tunnel Project proceed in order to protect this critical source of energy.

Respectfully,



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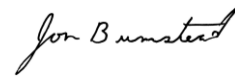
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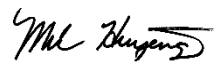
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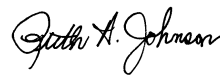
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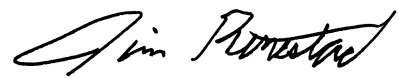
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