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Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan  
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me in Milwaukee over the weekend. As we discussed, I certainly understand and appreciate the challenges you face as you balance the environmental and economic threats that currently face our states.

Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted and I appreciate that you are evaluating the situation in regards to Line 5 in a comprehensive manner and are considering the effect that any resolution may have on the entire region. Ohio has two refineries near the border that supply a significant percent of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel to Ohio and Southeast Michigan. In fact, our refineries supply the majority of aviation fuels to Detroit Metro Airport that cannot currently be replaced in any significant capacity without Line 5. As you know, losing Line 5 would also put more than 1,000 good-paying union jobs at risk in Ohio and Michigan. Our states have much at risk in terms of potential fuel price spikes, lost jobs, airline schedule disruptions and lost transportation project funding.

We ask that you please consider options to improve the safety of Line 5 that does not result in taking the pipeline offline. If we can be of any assistance as you continue to evaluate the situation and seek resolution, do not hesitate to call.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Governor

Jon Husted  
Lt. Governor

*GREAT BEING WITH YOU.  
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
WITH YOU ON GREAT LAKES ISSUES.  
Mike*