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Great Lakes Business Network Applauds Line 5 Pipeline Temporary Shut Down Due to Attorney General Nessel's Request

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Today Judge James Jamo ruled in favor of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's request for a Temporary Restraining Order to temporarily shut down the Line 5 pipeline at the Straits of Mackinac. The order requires a shutdown of the entire pipeline within 24 hours.

The Great Lakes Business Network supported the attorney general's request earlier this week, and today has statements from the group's two co-chairs:

Larry Bell, founder and president of Bell's Brewery said, "This is a tremendous statement from the judge in support of protecting the Great Lakes, and the businesses and communities that rely on keeping them clean and oil-free. The Great Lakes Business Network applauds the strong action of the attorney general, and we hope to see Governor Whitmer bringing the full force of her office to join Attorney General Nessel in permanently revoking this easement."

Juliette King McAvoy, of King Orchards in Antrim County, said, "This is good news for protecting northern Michigan businesses from the devastating effects of an oil spill. The fact that a newly permitted anchor support appears to have failed due to a poor design indicates the pipeline should no longer be allowed to operate in that location."

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