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## **MPSC must reject risky Line 5 tunnel proposal**

LANSING – Members of the **Great Lakes Business Network** are urging the **Michigan Public Service Commission** to scrap **Enbridge Energy's** risky Line 5 tunnel plan immediately and permanently remove the pipeline from the Great Lakes.

"Line 5 and its proposed tunnel pose an imminent danger to our Great Lakes and Michigan's economy," said **Rich Bergmann**, managing partner of **Round Lake Group Hospitality**. "Enbridge is actively trying to remove the state's oversight authority over the operation of this dangerous tunnel. We cannot let that happen. This permitting process has already revealed that Enbridge has not carried out a thorough assessment of the project, including risk factors and impacts to resources over the short and long term. The MPSC must hold Enbridge accountable and reject this dangerous proposal."

"The Great Lakes Business Network opposes this irresponsible tunnel proposal and we urge the commission to reject it," said **Kris Spaulding**, owner of **Brewery Vivant**. "Enbridge is already holding up permitting, and construction estimates are now five to seven years out, assuming the project ever gets off the ground. It's obvious the current tunnel proposal is a stall tactic to avoid any changes in the status quo and keep the pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac. We cannot allow any more time to pass – Line 5 must go, and with it, this risky proposal."

"Every Michigander and every small business should be deeply concerned about the irresponsible Line 5 tunnel proposal," said **Bob Sutherland**, president of **Cherry Republic**. "The construction of this ill-conceived tunnel is a risk to our Great Lakes and economy in an obvious ploy by Big Oil to lock Michigan into a future of imported oil. This proposal is a danger to our fragile economy and must be rejected immediately."

The [Great Lakes Business Network sent a letter to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer](#) in July urging her to reject this dangerous proposal and uphold her campaign promise to remove the Line 5 pipeline for good.

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