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Great Lakes Business Network: MI Senate hearing on Line 5 one-sided

Group asks committee chairs to open up testimony beyond Canadians

LANSING, Mich. – The **Great Lakes Business Network (GLBN)** asked the Senate Natural Resources Committee and Senate Energy and Technology Committee to open testimony and hear from groups opposed to Line 5 and Enbridge Energy's proposed tunnel after the committees only heard from entities supportive of continuing the pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

The Senate committees heard testimony Tuesday from Bob Bailey, a member of Canada's Provincial Parliament; Joseph Mancinelli, international vice president and regional manager of Central and Eastern Canada, Laborers' International Union of North America; and Rocco Rossi, President & CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

"As a Michigan resident and business owner it was surprising to hear my state government was more concerned about talking to Canadians about Line 5 than me," said **Peter Laing**, Operations Manager, **MAWBY Vineyards and Winery** in Suttons Bay. "Michiganders know Line 5 is an environmental ticking time bomb and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer continues to show leadership by shutting down this dangerous pipeline in our Great Lakes."

Last week, the MI Propane Security Plan was released, highlighting how propane consumers in Michigan will continue to have access after Line 5 is shutdown on May 12.

"Line 5 is a nearly 70-year-old oil pipeline, threatening our Great Lakes, our economy and our communities," said **Beryl Skrocki**, Owner, **Sleeping Bear Surf & Kayak in Empire.** "The Great Lakes Business Network opposes Line 5 and Enbridge's misguided tunnel proposal, and our state senators should be first in line to understand why – rather than listening to officials from Canada who don't want a pipeline in their own backyard and are aggressively lobbying for the continuation of Line 5."

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