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Great Lakes Business Leaders Condemn Canadian Delay Tactic on Line 5

Today, the [Canadian Government invoked a 1977 treaty](#) requiring continued negotiations on Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipeline now with the U.S. State Department. The move comes after the end of lengthy failed negotiations between the company and the State of Michigan which have delayed action on the risky pipeline for over 5 months. Co-chairs speaking on behalf of the Great Lakes Business Network have decried the move as a continued delay tactic on behalf of the Canadian oil giant, Enbridge.

"This action on behalf of the Canadian Government is unconscionable following the tragic oil spill this weekend which has devastated the southern California coast," remarked GLBN Co-Chair, Juliette King McAvoy, of King Orchards. "Canada should be proactively planning for a just transition away from fossil fuels rather than investing their resources to prolong risky and antiquated infrastructure. Each day that Line 5 operates represents a direct threat to our precious freshwater resources."

"As we watch yet another devastating oil spill destroy critical water and wildlife, Canada is increasing the risk of an oil spill in the Great Lakes by attempting to delay the shut down of Line 5," GLBN Co-Chair Larry Bell of Bell's Brewery stated. "Michigan has a right and duty to protect our Great Lakes. Canada should be working with Michigan and the United States to transition away from this 70-year-old oil pipeline instead of creating legal delays that only benefit Enbridge."

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