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Governor Rick Snyder
Governor's Office
Lansing, MI 48909

Mr. Keith Creagh, Director
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 30473
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Re: St. Clair Pipeline request to the U.S. State Department

Dear Governor Snyder and Director Creagh:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes the Presidential Permit request for the St. Clair pipelines by Plains LPG, LP. Our organization approaches environmental protection and pollution control through problem solving, with an aim to prevent degradation and control pollutants before happening. It is evident that these pipelines are not crucial. Four of the six existing pipelines have been inactive and not inspected for an undetermined amount of time. The applicant states that the "anticipated use" is for transport of liquified hydrocarbons, but they are requesting a renewed permit similar to the original 1918 Presidential Permit which allowed crude oil. No environmental review or inspection of the 98 year old pipelines is being applied in this permit request.

This is the time for the State of Michigan to express these concerns to the State Department while there is a review opportunity. Michigan is looking at existing pipeline safety standards and Attorney General Schuette has said the Mackinac Straights pipelines wouldn't be built today. Michigan waters deserve the added protections from the threat of pipeline spills. We hope your office will carry this message to the State Department, representing concerned Michigan citizens like the membership of the League of Women Voters.

Please assure us that the State is engaged in this discussion and also opposes this pipeline permit request. The League of Women Voters of Michigan believes that the risks from aging infrastructure do present a potentially significant impact on the quality of our Michigan residents life and water quality.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look to hearing from your office on this issue.

Sincerely,

Judy Karandjeff
President