



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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The League of Women Voters of Michigan has nearly 2500 members and has 25 local Leagues active throughout Michigan, many of which border the Great Lakes. The position of the League of Women Voters Michigan remains unchanged:

The State must terminate the easement allowing Enbridge to use the lake bed for Line 5, whether above ground or through the newly proposed underground tunnel.

The agreement reached solely between Enbridge and Governor Snyder last month offers some protections but not enough. Unfortunately, the agreement was made without consultation of the Governor's own Pipeline Safety Advisory Board and before the scheduled public meetings held in mid-December. There was no public feedback before the agreement was reached.

Pipeline 5 occupies publicly owned waters and bottomlands. The threat of a catastrophic oil pipeline rupture to the Great Lakes is of tremendous controversy and has generated an extraordinary level of public engagement. We are all concerned about the possible threat of a spill and the permanent damage that could result.

The voice of the people should be determining the future of the Great Lakes and its protection for future generations. We urge you to shut down Line 5.

Sincerely,

Judy Karandjeff
President