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Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
EGLE-Enbridge-Public-Comments@Michigan.gov

Dear EGLE Representative:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan calls on EGLE to reject Enbridge's permit request for its Line 5 Tunnel.

We ask EGLE to use its authority to carefully analyze the Enbridge tunnel project to protect the Great Lakes and its bottomland, and require a comprehensive environmental review of the entire 4.3-mile tunnel project. This includes analyzing:

- All excavation impacts on lakebed ecosystems
- Long-term structural integrity risks in the Straits of Mackinac and short-term impacts while tunneling under an operating pipeline
- Potential contamination from construction activities
- Emergency response capabilities for a deep underwater pipeline
- Cumulative impacts on Great Lakes water quality

Michigan's Great Lakes are irreplaceable public resources that demand the highest level of protection.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan asks EGLE to require a full Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act review, a review that a project of this magnitude demands. A comprehensive review will show that negative impacts from this proposed tunnel require denial of a permit for a massive project that Michigan does not need and does not want.

Sincerely,

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Denise Hartsough  
Co-President

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