

City of Mackinac Island

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September 25, 2014

Governor Rick Snyder
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder,

As Mayor of Mackinac Island, I am writing to you to express deep concern about Enbridge's 61-year-old pipeline, Line 5, located in the Straits of Mackinac. Due to our proximity to the pipelines, a spill of almost any size would surround the Island in oil, shut down all ferry service, and leave residents without a viable drinking water supply for an indefinite period of time.

Representing the residents of Mackinac Island, as well as all those who are drawn to its unique history and natural beauty, I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that Enbridge is in compliance with the State of Michigan 1953 Easement.

I commend you for the joint letters from the Attorney General and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to Enbridge, as well as the creation of the Great Lakes Petroleum Pipeline Task Force. However, due to the ecologically sensitive position of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac, we cannot afford to allow Enbridge to continue operating under its current framework without full disclosure and accountability of the pipelines' activities, and future plans.

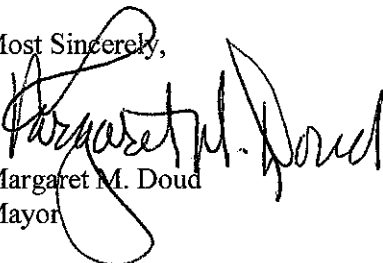
As you know, Mackinac Island is one of the gems of the Great Lakes, drawing visitors from all over the world, not only to the Island but to the surrounding region. It is one of the icons of the *Pure Michigan* tourism campaign, which generated more than \$1.23 billion in economy activity last year.

And to many of us it is simply home, a home that presents a few challenges in exchange for a slower, quieter way of life. As Mayor of this unique community, I cannot stand by and simply hope that the pipelines pose no threat.

I urge you to guarantee that Enbridge is in full compliance with the State's 1953 Easement. This will ensure that the Great Lakes are protected for present and future generations.

Thank you for your commitment to the protection of this great state.

Most Sincerely,



Margaret M. Doud
Mayor

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