

Proposed Resolution #B
Requires 2/3 Majority

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MUCC region: 1
Proposed: June 26, 2021 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: **MUCC Supports Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel as Best Alternative**

1 **WHEREAS**, a 2018 Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) resolution spelled out issues
2 with the current oil and gas pipeline that runs along the bottom of the Straights of Mackinaw, and
3 asked for consideration of alternatives to the current pipeline; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, trucking, rail or boats are much riskier, safety wise, and wholly inefficient for
5 moving materials such as this; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, since this resolution has passed, Enbridge has proposed a much safer method of
7 crossing the Great Lakes via a deep, underground tunnel, using the latest technology and safety
8 standards; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, the notion of just shutting this important infrastructure down is no different than
10 asking to shut off all utilities to your home. Some 55% of all propane in Michigan is transported
11 through this line, among many other benefits that we may, or may not readily see; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, while we all appreciate alternatives to fossil fuels, MUCC has to realize that the
13 world will be dependent on the safe delivery of fossil fuels such as these, for some time to come;
14 NOW,

15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC support Enbridge's underground tunnel
16 project as an important infrastructure update, and that this be carried out in the safest, most
17 reliable manner possible; and,

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state requires Enbridge to be responsible financially for the
19 construction and operation of the tunnel holding the state harmless, that Enbridge provide the State with

20 financial assurances (not including self insurance) that would cover cleanup of a catastrophic release to
21 the Straits and that the company submits an acceptable monitoring plan.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC ask the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge
23 and its contractors to move this project forward.