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Raj Saini, M.P.
Committee Chair for the Special Committee on the Economic Relationship between Canada and the United States
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada
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Dear Mr. Saini,

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC), I am writing in support of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline. We know protecting the ongoing economic and energy security of Canadians is crucial, particularly as we move into a post-pandemic economy. We were pleased to hear about the special Canada-U.S. relations committee that will investigate these issues. Therefore, we hope that you keep Line 5 as a priority item in your report.

Without Line 5, Saskatchewan crude oil producers will be required to use rail, truck, or marine transportation methods, which do not currently have the appropriate infrastructure in place and are also potentially more hazardous and environmentally damaging should an accident occur. The Line 5 pipeline is equal to 2,000 trucks or 800 rail cars one way per day. Saskatchewan crude oil ends up in refineries in Ohio, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Quebec. Due to the loss of the proposed direct Energy East Pipeline project, Saskatchewan refineries must transport its oil in inefficient ways. Furthermore, the loss of Line 5 would result in an increase in cost of living here and in the USA, at a time when many are facing economic instability due to the pandemic.

Finally, Enbridge's underground tunnel project and replacement pipeline uses new, safer technology to improve Line 5. This is a \$500 million USD project that would stimulate the economy, preserve energy security, and benefit North America while making the entire process safer. We believe the current pipeline should remain operating until the new tunnel has been completed to allow sustained transfer of oil to key markets.

Ensuring Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline remains operational will preserve energy security, ensure affordable energy, and improve economic development for citizens on both sides of the border.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to provide further comment at your convenience.

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Sincerely,



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CC: Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Energy and Resources
Saskatchewan Members of Parliament and Senators

About the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Since 1920, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has represented the Saskatchewan business community, advocating on behalf of all sizes of businesses, local chambers of commerce, and professional associations.

As the Voice of Saskatchewan business, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is uniquely equipped to develop policies that accurately reflect the needs of the business community.

In addition to our policy and advocacy work, we facilitate a range of events, programs and benefits to strengthen and grow Saskatchewan's network of Chambers and member businesses.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is a provincial not-for-profit organization that supports the interests of business, including civic, commercial and industrial enterprise.

Its membership includes individual business firms, as well as provincial business and professional associations and government agencies.

The Chamber, and particularly its governing bodies, is charged with bringing together the diverse interests and myriad, varied needs of its Members to shape and achieve goals that benefit its members, the organization and the province.