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Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
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Mayor Eisenberger,

I am writing to you regarding the Enbridge Line 10 Westover Segment Replacement Project. Speaking on behalf of the members of United Association Local 46, it is our contention that this pipeline replacement project is an critical to ensuring the safe and reliable operation of Canada's energy transportation infrastructure. There should be no doubt that it is preferable to replace this segment of Line 10, rather than to apply preventative maintenance digs, as it will minimize the overall disruption to landowners along the right-of-way and in the long term, have less impact on the environment.

Enbridge has indicated that the process of decommissioning the existing line would be preferable to patching it, as it would avoid the added disturbance and significant construction activities that excavation and removal would bring. In addition, leaving the line in the ground will also reduce the risk of soil degradation, specifically soil and slope instability along with settlement and compaction issues, which could compromise the safety of active pipelines sharing the right-of-way.

Enbridge has publicly stated that they will be responsible for the decommissioned pipeline forever and they have further stated that neither landowners nor the City would bear any financial costs associated with the decommissioned pipe segments. The National Energy Board agreed with this position and so does the United Association.

For the foreseeable future, the need to ensuring that refineries in Southern Ontario have reliable access to lower-priced crude oil from western Canadian sources is critical. This secure supply protects the long-term viability of the refining industry in our region, along with the many direct and indirect jobs those industries support, including many in Hamilton where energy is consumed by many of your largest employers.

Enbridge has demonstrated that they have a plan in place that will address the many concerns of the community and its residents. Enbridge has a program to proactively address pipeline maintenance, thus enhancing the reliability and the safety of their pipeline. Their program opens multiple opportunities for participation in the project to indigenous and local businesses while addressing local, landowner and municipal issues.

The petrochemical tertiary industry resulting from this oil supply, allows for important spinoff manufacturing, such as automotive parts, rubber-based products, extruded plastics, secondary and specialty chemicals, insulation and synthetics. Ontario's fledgling green energy sector also benefits through the manufacture of photovoltaic and thermal solar products resultant from our local refining industry.

Finally, a number of businesses in your jurisdiction will benefit from the installation of the new line, as work crews utilize your hotels, grocery stores and restaurants during its installation. In addition, Enbridge has a process in place which promotes the contracting of work packages to local businesses, and they work actively with interested local groups to navigate the bidding process, ensuring that they have the knowledge necessary to bid competitively against other suppliers.

In closing, the benefits associated with this project are numerous: maintaining the long-term viability of the refining industry in the region, with its associated support industries, all of which provide well paying jobs to the residents of your region, along with the tax base that supports the various levels of governments. The inclusion of indigenous groups in the work program provides the opportunity for training and work, thus developing the next generation of highly talented, highly paid, pipeline tradesperson. The ready supply of petrochemicals helps to support and foster the further development of high tech, high paying jobs, that will be the future of our region.

From our perspective, we feel that there are numerous upsides to this project, with no downsides; as such, on behalf of the 9000 members of United Association Local 46, I would urge you and your colleagues on City Council to support this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Kacaba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a stylized "Kacaba".

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