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To: Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton  
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Cc: Chris Murray, City Manager – City of Hamilton  
Mark Ellerker, Business Manager - Hamilton-Brantford Building & Construction Trades  
Council  
Lionel Railton, Canadian Regional Director – International Union of Operating Engineers

Dear Mr. Mayor,

As Business Manager of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario; and organization representing over 150,000 workers throughout the province, including 20,000 workers in the Hamilton-Brantford area, I am writing to you to express our Council's support of Enbridge's Line 10 Westover Segment Replacement Project.

Our members believe that this pipeline replacement project is an important and logical step to ensuring the safe and reliable operation of Canada's vital energy transportation infrastructure. We agree that by replacing this segment of Line 10 rather than applying several preventative maintenance digs, Enbridge will minimize overall disturbance to landowners along the right-of-way and, in the long term, have less impact on the environment.

When asked at Open Houses and through the National Energy Board (NEB) decision-making process about decommissioning, Enbridge's response was that by leaving the decommissioned pipeline in place, they will avoid the added disturbance and significant construction activities that excavation and removal would bring. Leaving the line in the ground also reduces the risk of soil and slope instability, settlement and compaction issues that could compromise the safety of active pipelines sharing that right-of-way. Enbridge has publicly stated that they will be responsible for the decommissioned pipeline forever. They have 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 our organization.

Ensuring that Great Lakes region refineries have reliable access to lower-priced crude oil from western Canadian sources protects the long-term viability of not just these refining industries but the numerous direct and indirect jobs that these industries support, including so many in Hamilton where energy is consumed by many of our largest employers and employees on a daily basis. Enbridge has demonstrated to us, our employees and to the National Energy Board, that they have a plan in place that will proactively address pipeline maintenance; enhance reliability

and the safety of the pipeline; ensure there are multiple opportunities for the participation of indigenous and local businesses; and that they are meeting local, landowner and municipal issues. Moreover, the safety of the pipeline for citizens and workers is enhanced if Enbridge uses the best-trained, most highly-skilled tradespeople available.

The petrochemical value chain derived from crude oil results in important spinoff manufacturing, including automotive parts, rubber-based products, extruded plastics, secondary and specialty chemicals, insulation and synthetics. This sector also supports Ontario's burgeoning green energy sector by supporting the manufacturing of photovoltaic and thermal solar products and bioproducts. The petrochemical industry also supports unlikely sectors such as environmental firms, emergency response services, engineering and design firms and also archeological and other heritage businesses. Many other area businesses, such as hotels, grocery stores and restaurants, will also benefit from the presence of work crews during project construction. This will provide much needed stimulus for our local hospitality industry. Through "reverse trade shows" and direct contact with Enbridge procurement, our organization knows that Enbridge has created a repository whereby Hamilton and region supplier businesses can submit information and compete for work contracts with Enbridge. Enbridge staff have helped local businesses navigate the process for obtaining the required safety accreditations and documentation to improve their viability for project work.

Maintaining the long-term viability of the refining industry in the Great Lakes region helps ensure that it – and the numerous businesses it supports – can continue to generate many well-paying, high-tech jobs, many of them in organized labour environments, along the petrochemical value chain. Moreover, the company is working hard to try and maximize local Indigenous participation in the Line 10 Project and in their ongoing operational service requirements. Maintaining this line will also contribute to tax revenues at all levels of government. The replacement of this segment of Line 10 will help these industries remain profitable and ensure the continuing flow of benefits to Ontario's economy, the City of Hamilton and to thousands of hard working Hamiltonians.

On behalf of our members, I urge you and your colleagues on City Council to support this important initiative.

Best Regards,



Patrick Dillon, Business Manager  
Provincial Building & Construction  
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