

Friends Of the Land of Keweenaw (FOLK) is a volunteer organization located in the Keweenaw Peninsula area of the UP. We work with regional, state, and national groups to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of the Lake Superior Watershed. FOLK agrees with the MPSC's decision, which is to put on hold Enbridge Energy LP's application seeking siting approval to replace and relocate the portion of the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac, so the public has adequate time for public comment.

Based on current scientific data and research, FOLK requests the State to deny the replacement and relocation of the Line 5 section into a tunnel to be constructed beneath the Straits. In addition, FOLK supports the closing of Line 5 through the UP based on safety and environmental concerns, with an adequate timeline for acquiring alternate delivery and storage systems of affordable propane to UP families.

FOLK believes water is our shared heritage that belongs to all of us and must be safeguarded. The State of Michigan is obligated to uphold its public trust responsibilities to protect the Great Lakes watershed, abundant wildlife, and residents. Thank you for providing the opportunity for MI residents to voice their concerns on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Grier, FOLK Board Member