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Department of Natural Resources

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RE: February 2, 2022 Line 5 EIS Hearing Comments, DNR (EA/7)

Dear members of the Natural Resources Department,

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general farm organization and largest group of landowners with over 47,000 members throughout the state, including many who farm areas near the proposed pipeline project. We are pleased that the DNR recognizes the importance and value of our natural resources and our relationship with those resources. As such, we recommend that the DNR move forward with the permitting process to approve the relocation of the Line 5.

Beyond the natural resources of the land, our concerns also include the economic viability and well-being of our members. Our farmers not only depend on the land, but, also, the equipment to prepare, steward, and farm that land. The rising costs of fuel have a tremendous impact on the economic health of our members. This pipeline provides energy products that eventually become the fuel our members need to maintain their livelihoods.

The product transported on Line 5 ensures a consistent and adequate supply for the many functions our farmers rely on to run their farms and get products to market. These include activities such as fueling grain drying bins for proper storage; heating farrowing buildings for hog operations; powering flame weeding machines to reduce herbicide use, and powering OEM-supported propane autogas vehicles to transport farm commodities. These propane-powered vehicles also contribute in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

With the safe and reliable energy we get from Line 5, we can help ensure that our farms continue to operate efficiently to grow, harvest and deliver the necessary goods to market. Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation encourages the DNR to approve the needed permits in a timely manner so Wisconsin farmers can continue to access the energy we need in order to feed our nation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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