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## **Rep Angie Sapik Statement Enbridge Line 5 Permit Approval**

Lake Nebagamon, WI: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' recent decision to approve the permits for Enbridge Energy's Line 5 reroute is a significant development for our state. This decision, which has garnered both support and criticism, underscores the complexity and importance of balancing environmental stewardship with economic growth.

The DNR's thorough review process, which included extensive public input and a detailed environmental impact analysis, demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that the approved route minimizes impacts on our natural resources and communities. I commend the DNR for their diligence and transparency in this process.

Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline has been a critical infrastructure component, transporting essential energy resources across our region. The reroute, which addresses concerns raised by the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and other stakeholders, is a necessary step to ensure the continued safe and efficient operation of this pipeline.

This project is expected to create over 700 union construction jobs, providing a significant boost to our local economy. The collaboration between Enbridge and Wisconsin labor groups highlights the potential for this project to benefit Wisconsin workers and families.

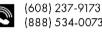
As we move forward, it is essential that we continue to prioritize safety, environmental protection, and community engagement. I am committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure that this project is executed with the highest standards of craftsmanship and professionalism.



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