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The Honorable Bill Schuette  
Attorney General of Michigan  
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Attorney General Schuette:

The Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Agency for Energy (the "State Agencies") have learned of damage to the American Transmission Company electric lines and to the Line 5 pipeline. The State has reason to believe that the damage was caused by a vessel traveling through the Straits.

The State Agencies are working with the United States Coast Guard to investigate the incident, as are other private entities with transmission lines under the Straits. It is possible that infrastructure lines owned by those private entities may also have been damaged. The investigations are ongoing.

On behalf of the State of Michigan I am formally requesting that you initiate legal proceedings against the owner or operator of the vessel, and other potentially responsible parties, to protect Michigan's critical natural resources and hold those organizations accountable for potential environmental harm.

Please contact Travis Weber, Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor, if you have any questions or are unable to represent the State in this matter. We look forward to working with you to protect Michigan's most valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Calley".

Brian Calley  
Lieutenant Governor  
Acting as Governor pursuant to Art. V. §26  
of the Michigan Constitution