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**Re: PUC Docket No. A-2016-2575829**

Dear Chairman Brown:

We appreciate the opportunity to convey our support for the pending application to partially reverse the Laurel Pipe Line, and for the tremendous consumer benefits it would bring to our constituents and all Pennsylvanians.

Clear market forces are driving a need to reverse flow on this critical refined products pipeline so that greater quantities of lower-cost, domestic fuel from American refineries can safely reach more consumers, small businesses and manufacturers in the Commonwealth. Enabling market efficiencies benefits consumers, and it's incumbent on all state leaders to ensure that happens.

These new supplies are the product of America's energy revolution, which has unlocked opportunities to make our nation more secure and energy independent. It's critical that we embrace this newfound domestic energy abundance and make certain that all Pennsylvanians continue to benefit from it.

This commonsense, market-driven project will bring lower fuel prices not just to western Pennsylvania, but to all of Pennsylvania, a point even opponents acknowledge.

Further, we are concerned that blocking the reversal will cause safety risks and other unwanted effects to our districts and other communities in the form of increased truck traffic. Pipelines, like Laurel, provide the safest method for transporting fuel. Without the reversal, the demand in the Commonwealth for these increased supplies of lower-cost, Midwest-sourced fuels will result in trucks bringing them here instead of the pipeline.

We're grateful that the commission is fully considering the enormous consumer benefits that this important project will bring to hard-working Pennsylvanians. Thank you for giving it the fair review and attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

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