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Dear Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commissioners:

We are deeply concerned about the proposal from Laurel Pipeline Co. to reverse the flow of its pipeline that runs between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, so that points west of the Altoona area will no longer be served. Should this occur, problems would result on both sides of the state. The Pittsburgh region would become a captive market to out-of-state refiners, with little or no control over supply and prices. The area no longer would have access to the environmentally-friendlier gasoline made in the Philadelphia refineries that is essential to cleaner air in the summer. The move would cost the Philadelphia refineries one of their largest markets, resulting in cuts to production or severe cuts in prices to sell to already well-supplied markets in New York and New Jersey. Should the refineries close, thousands of Pennsylvanians directly employed in the refineries could lose their family-supportive jobs. The impact in South Philadelphia and neighboring communities could be well over 20,000 jobs when considering the supply chain. Given these concerns, we strongly urge the Public Utility Commission to reject Laurel's proposal to reverse flow in their pipeline.

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Dear Secretary Chiavetta ,

As a resident of Pennsylvania I do not support the Reversal of the Laurel Pipeline owned by Buckeye Partners.

The Refineries in southeast Pennsylvania have been using the Laurel pipeline since construction and operation was granted by the PUC of Penna. since 1957.

If Buckeye Partners were granted the right to reverse the Pittsburgh/ Altoona section it would just be a matter of time before the entire Laurel Line will be Reversed.

A partial or complete Reversal will cut off access for the two remaining major Refineries in Southeast Pennsylvania to send there products westward.

Midwest Refiners already have access to the Pittsburgh/ Western Pa. market.

Western Pa. benefits from a number of refined product Sources provided by East Coast and Midwestern Refineries.

To allow Buckeye to Reverse Flow on any part of the Laurel Pipeline will put Thousands of Jobs in Trainer, Delaware County and Philadelphia Pa. in serious Jeopardy.

Pennsylvania can not afford to have two major Refinery's possibly shutdown by allowing Buckeye Partners to reverse the flow of the Laurel Pipeline.

Please take every action at your disposal to Reject the Application for Reversal of the Laurel Pipeline.

Thank You

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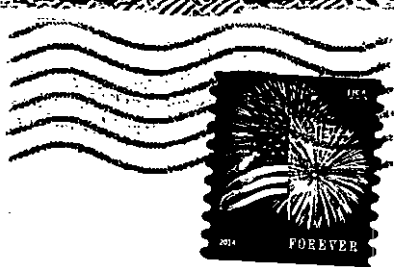
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