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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: PUC Docket No. A-2016-2575829

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this letter of support for Laurel Pipe Line Company's application to partially reverse its direction of flow between Altoona and Pittsburgh to allow a greater, more secure supply of lower-cost, American made fuel to reach Pennsylvania consumers.

As Business Manager of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66, we represent more than 7,300 brothers and sisters who stand to benefit from the project's job creation and lower fuel price benefits. We encourage the PUC to approve this common sense proposal that will enhance competition and improve the lives of working families.

America's shale revolution has been a godsend for our local. At the depths of the Great Recession and right when we needed it most, greater energy production here at home – and associated infrastructure improvements needed to deliver that energy to consumers – provided a critical lifeline to good jobs with family sustaining wages and benefits.

Ensuring those opportunities reach more Pennsylvanians in the future requires projects like the one Laurel proposes. Midwest refiners are turning the increased supply of North American crude oil into more affordable fuels. Without access to those supplies, though, Pennsylvania consumers will continue to unnecessarily rely on overseas imports, which are less stable and more expensive.

Partially reversing Laurel Pipe Line's flow is a simple solution that puts working families first by enhancing local market competition and driving down costs at the pump. This proposal is a win for consumers and for energy security as our members and Pennsylvania families further benefit from affordable, abundant energy produced safely at home.

We must ensure we have the right infrastructure in place to enjoy all the benefits of our American energy future.

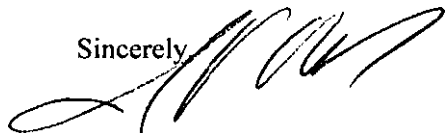


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Thank you for your consideration of this critical energy project that puts consumers and working families – including our members – first.

Sincerely,



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