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

RE: Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief; Docket No. P-2018-3001453; Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Docket No. C-2018-3001451

**Dear Secretary Chiavetta:** 

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), I write you today to share our concerns with a recently filed petition that would shut down much-needed supplies of affordable energy, detrimentally harming families, seniors, farmers, households, and small businesses on tight budgets.

CEA is a nationwide association with more than 500,000 individual members, over 24,000 of which reside in Pennsylvania, as well as industrial and commercial consumers and producers working to advance an all-of-the-above energy policy with diverse power supplies that can help to lower energy costs for every American.

Over the course of my time with CEA working to advance bipartisan energy policies for consumers, I've worked with various legislative members and most recently, I served on Governor Wolf's Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force which studied how best to meet Pennsylvania's pipeline and infrastructure needs – and most importantly, their safety.

This misguided petition currently before the Commission would halt construction of the Mariner East 2 Project – risking thousands of construction jobs and the economic revitalization of Delaware County and the Marcus Hook Refinery. The estimated economic impact of Mariner East 1 and 2, and their related projects, is over \$9 billion, and the ongoing annual impact to the Commonwealth is estimated to be between \$140 million - \$210 million annually. The projects are expected to support over 15,000 middle-class jobs during the construction phase using highly skilled labor from our building trades as well as domestically produced steel.

The products flowing through the pipeline - natural gas liquids (NGLs) - are at the center of Pennsylvania's future growth and prosperity, not only because they are produced here in the Marcellus Shale by our state's own producers, but because they are also the essential building blocks and feedstocks for our manufacturers. Another important NGL, propane, helps heat over 190,000 homes in Pennsylvania and is essential to our farmers for their dry and harvest crops, to irrigate their fields, to provide back-up power, and to water sanitizing stations during milking operations.



CEA urges the Commission to reject this harmful and unprecedented petition that would not only raise energy costs for Pennsylvania families, but jeopardize the livelihoods of our skilled trades and unnecessarily put our economic future at risk.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments

Sincerely,

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