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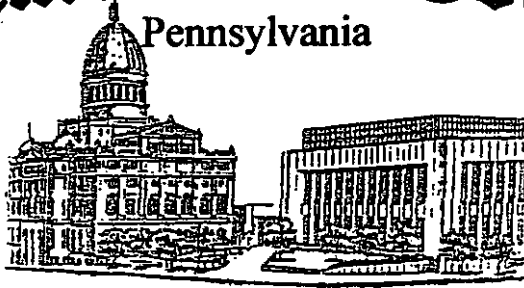
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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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**RE: Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief; Docket No. P-2018-3001453;
Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Docket No. C-2018-3001451**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

As Members of the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to express our concern for the current status of the Mariner East pipeline projects. Energy has always played a positive role in the economy of Westmoreland County, and we are eager to see this project completed for the economic sustainability of not only the county, but our entire region.

The Mariner East project has already created thousands of construction jobs in the state of Pennsylvania. The three pipelines (Mariner East 1, 2, and 2X) also will support hundreds of permanent, family-sustaining jobs; bolstering our state's economy by \$9.1 billion. This project is vital as it provides a good wage for our local residents, while also increasing foot traffic and revenue for our local businesses.


The last thing we want as County Commissioners is for the end-user to be negatively affected by any of these production delays; and we are at risk of this occurring. Without providing adequate supply of energy and resources to those who need it, demand will increase, making the cost higher for everyone. Our farmland in Westmoreland County contributes greatly to our economy and our regional character; and propane is widely used in nearly 900,000 farms across the state. The natural gas industry in Pennsylvania distributes propane to more than 190,000 propane-heated households in every county of the state, contributing over \$1.3 billion annually to Pennsylvania's economy. To deny the delivery of this vital agricultural resource would be an unfair burden for the American farmer to bear.

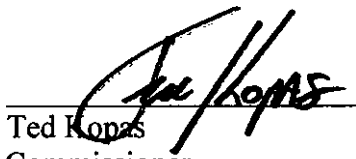
Our state and region have been fortunate to see vast economic growth over the past few years, and natural gas resource development has played a key role in that renaissance. We must not stymie this growth by disregarding a key source of our success; we should instead be promoting projects that improve our energy infrastructure, so we can all continue to benefit from this growth market. Furthermore, supporting this industry means that more local professionals are taking on key roles in the energy sector. We must foster this in order to retain talent in our county. We do not want to see our residents move away to a more energy-friendly county or state.

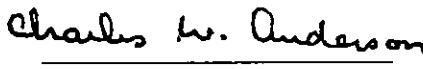
With just over 2.6 million miles, the U.S. has more pipelines than any other country in the world. More than 77,000 miles of new pipelines have been built in the last decade and in the same period of time, pipeline incidents and spills have decreased by approximately 50 percent. Pipelines are the safest way to transport energy resources, and Sunoco Logistics has been moving their products safely for 75 years. They have assured us that the protection of people, property and the environment are top priorities for this project.

Pennsylvania has the great fortune of having plenty of natural resources to export, and Mariner East is truly a once-in-a-lifetime-energy transportation system that allows for Pennsylvania to transport these resources to new consumers. We are asking you to do everything in your power to minimize the delays and disruptions to the Mariner East pipeline, and please approve the restart of the Mariner East Pipeline projects. Our economic future depends on it.

Sincerely,


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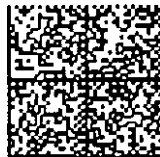


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