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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Filing Room Harrisburg, PA 17120 RECEIVED 2018 JUN 15 AM 10: 37 PA PUC BUREAL SECRETARY. S BUREAL

RE:

Petition of Pennsylvania State Senator Andrew Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief, Docket No P-2018-3001453 & C-2018-3001451.

## Secretary Chiavetta:

Westtown Township writes today in support of the Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief (Docket No. P-2018-3001453) and of the Interim Emergency Order by Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Barnes dated May 22, 2018 which granted Interim Emergency Relief, as filed by Senator Dinniman on April 30, 2018.

The Order, founded on protecting the public interest and safety in accordance with 66 Pa. C.S. § 1501, is in concert with our municipal obligations to our community. We therefore support the Order enjoining Sunoco cease and desist all current and new operations, construction, including drilling activities Mariner East 1, 2 and Mariner East 2X pipeline in West Whiteland Township, Pennsylvania until the entry of a final Commission Order. We encourage the Commission to support the Administrative Law Judge's decision.

We support the requirement that Sunoco fully assess the condition, adequacy, efficiency, safety and reasonableness of ME1, ME2, and ME2X including but not limited to the integrity of the ME1 pipe and its welds, pipe materials wall thickness, depth of cover over ME1 and distances of said lines from residences, schools and hospitals; emergency response plan, practices and procedures and training protocols. Based on Sunoco L.P.'s safety history noted in the Order, we suggest that this be a safety requirement in every municipality, including Westtown Township, and that operations on Mariner pipelines be halted until such time that the safety of our communities and environment are assured to the maximum extent possible. As noted in the Order, the 85 municipalities through which the pipelines are being constructed and operated, including Westtown Township, do not have that

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assurance. As noted in the Order, the Commission and its safety engineers need to evaluate responses to the conditions for the Order before construction resumes on ME 2 or ME2X in West Whiteland Twp. and before a potential catastrophic event occurs on ME 1. Likewise, every municipality, including Westtown Township should have equal protection.

Along with West Whiteland Township, Westtown Township also has equal rights to safety under the creation of emergency evacuation and notification plans and to educate the public before operations should resume as well as documentation of geophysical and geotechnical studies regarding Mariner 2 and 2X, especially in areas where inadvertent returns and sink holes have been reported in the Commonwealth along the Mariner pipeline corridor.

Respectfully,

Carol R. De Wolf

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