

I am here today to stand in support of approval of the permitting for the Atlantic Sunrise project. I understand and respect that some people have safety concerns when projects such as this arise which I believe to be a good thing. However, now more than ever, this project along with others like it have undergone an unprecedented amount of regulatory and public review. Permitting and regulations play a key role in ensuring safe practices during installation on energy development projects such as this. As a 27-year Building & Construction Trades member, I can attest to the seriousness that companies, such as Williams in this case, take to ensure that the best work practices are in place during installation. The Williams Atlantic Sunrise Project will create 1000's of good paying jobs for union building trades craftsmen and women from the surrounding areas, creating economic growth and encouraging private sector businesses to expand. I can assure you, the public, that when union building trades people are on the job we employ the highest standards for safety, education, productivity, and professionalism in the industry. My members and their families live, work, and play next to pipelines such as this, and we care very deeply for the environment in our own neighborhoods. As Pennsylvanians, we need to take better control of our futures and responsibly bring the abundant and affordable natural gas resources to our homes, business, manufacturing, and utilities. Pennsylvanians have seen

some serious down-turns in our economy over the years with middle class families suffering the most here. I feel it's time we support this project and other projects like it that will help create the jobs and education to start rebuilding what was once a great industrialized state with strong blue collar families making a dignified living.

Williams Atlantic Sunrise is a nearly \$3 billion dollar privately funded project that will employ thousands of workers over a 10-county area to provide an affordable, safe, readily available natural gas resource – all coming from our state of PA.

Sounds good to me. Let's get this project underway.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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