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Good Evening

My name is Wayne Poncheri and I am the Chief Executive Officer at Abbey Road Control in Drums, Pa.

I live in Drums as does the President of our company who is also a past police chief and is a member of our Township Supervisors Board. I mention this because in Butler Township we have an existing gasoline pipeline which to date has not caused any harm to our environment or residents. The pipeline company offers free annual training for our first responders and has proven to be a good neighbor and corporate citizen.

Our company is a full service work zone safety company offering flagging personnel, signs, cones, arrow boards, message boards, and crash trucks to others needing to protect their workers from the dangers of working on or near our roadways.

At present we do not provide any of the above mentioned services to Williams Companies or their affiliates. In the spirit of full disclosure we do hope the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline will lead to opportunities for our company. Should these opportunities arise it is likely to lead us to hire an additional 15 to 20 people at life sustaining wages.

While the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline project will bring many good jobs to our area it will also be a tremendous boost for entire economies along its path and for the nation. James Rickards, an economic advisor to the Pentagon and intelligence communities of the United States has said the benefits of an interstate pipeline system would be transformative. Hundreds of thousands of jobs would be created in actual pipeline construction and more jobs would come from connecting to a large natural gas trunk at key nodes allowing natural gas fueling stations to be placed at existing facilities.

The economic boost would be immediate and transformative. Many more jobs would be created through the conversion of vehicles from gasoline to natural gas. Dependence on foreign oil would end, and the US trade deficit would evaporate, boosting growth. The environmental benefits are obvious since natural gas burns cleaner than diesel or gasoline.

According to the US Chamber of Commerce more pipelines need to be built in Northeastern US. If we ignore this need 78,000 jobs will be lost and over \$7.6 billion in GDP will be lost.

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