

**Testimony of Anthony J. Seiwel, Business Manager  
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Hello, my name is Anthony J. Seiwel, and I am the Business Manager for the Laborers' District Council of Eastern Pennsylvania—which represents highly skilled building tradesmen organized under the Laborer's International Union of North America (LIUNA). As you may know, LIUNA represents highly skilled men and women throughout the United States and Canada who perform a range of construction work, including specializing in building pipelines and similar infrastructure.

I am writing today on behalf of our local members and their families in support of Williams Regional Energy Access Pipeline.

I can attest to two important factors, and I ask that you closely consider them when reviewing this pipeline.

- First, much of the work on the pipeline will be completed by LIUNA members. It will be completed responsibly and with the utmost regard to the safety of our workers, the public, and the environment. Our members are uniquely qualified to build pipelines, not only because of their high-quality training, but also because they live and work in the affected communities.
- Secondly, work will support thousands of family-sustaining union jobs for workers in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

At LIUNA, safety is our number one priority. All LIUNA members—including members who will build this pipeline—complete a rigorous, multi-year registered apprenticeship program. It includes 3,200 hours of both classroom and on-the-job training in occupational safety and health standards, as well as construction standards, which results in true expertise in their craft. LIUNA members also receive ongoing training on important safety processes throughout the course of their employment. Our training imparts a heavy emphasis on safety to instill the ability to recognize any hazard that may arise on the job—in terms of both safety and environmental hazards—and teaches them to respond with agility. Our learning model is the leader in the industry, because it is designed and continuously honed by our local unions, our international union, and the employers we work for.

Additionally, our organization has a proven record of proficiency and achievement that ensures that work will be completed correctly, and in accordance with Williams plans to mitigate environmental impacts. We maintain a network of long-standing relationships with our employers, and we guarantee supply of skilled labor to keep projects moving forward. Our

experience shows that our work can be completed without unnecessary delays or harm to the public or environmental safety.

I represent approximately 4,300 members in the 29 counties of Eastern Pennsylvania, including workers who live, work, and play in all of the counties along the Regional Energy Access route. LIUNA has worked tirelessly to cultivate a higher professional standard for our workers, which is rewarded through competitive pay and benefits. Pipeline work has become a specialized occupation and cornerstone in our effort to provide family-sustaining jobs that offer living wages, health insurance, and retirement benefits. This project is important to our workers and their communities: it guarantees quality income and job security, which in turn supports local spending and payroll tax revenue.

For these reasons, and based on the information set forth in Williams permit applications, I Fully support Williams and their Regional Energy Access Pipeline.