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Pennsylvania Department of
 Environmental Protection
 Rachel Carson Building
 400 Market Street
 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

Subject Line: Letter of Support – Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II (Two) Pipeline

The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) is a private, non-governmental entity that promotes a competitive edge for existing and new businesses by providing proven financial solutions; cultivating workforce talent; leveraging business partnerships; and fostering entrepreneurial collaboration for more than 50 years.

By way of this letter, the CCEDC is expressing our support of Sunoco Logistics receiving the DEP's permit approval of the Mariner East II pipeline that would run on existing easements, parallel to the current pipelines and allow additional liquid gas to be transported from gas deposits in Western PA south to facilities in Delaware County, PA.

The CCEDC supports workforce and economic development throughout the Southeastern PA region. This Sunoco project is one step in helping create a larger Energy HUB in this region that will result in economic opportunities and, cleaner burning, lower cost energy for our businesses and home owners. We believe the Sunoco permit should progress and that the overall project should be approached in a thoughtful manner that addresses the inherent environmental and market concerns.

If done properly using best management practices to minimize/mitigate environment impacts, and careful economic/regulatory/policy development, the Sunoco project and the overall Energy Hub, will generate benefits to our residents, companies and the state including job creation, tax revenue, and access to lower cost natural gas.

We are pleased to support Sunoco Logistics in this step forward to develop additional natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline capacity and strengthen the Greater Philadelphia region's ability to become an Energy Hub.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Smith
 President and CEO