



August 23, 2016

Mr. Domenic Rocco, Program Manager
Waterways and Wetlands
2 E. Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Dear Mr. Rocco:

The TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership based, business advocacy organization serving over 470 businesses in southeastern Berks, northern Chester, and western Montgomery Counties. Our organization focuses our efforts on Building Communities, Creating Connections, and Supporting Commerce. Our mission is to provide relevant membership services and proactive leadership to enhance the economic opportunity and quality of life in the region.

Our board of directors, at their April meeting, approved a motion to join and support the efforts of the Pennsylvania Energy Infrastructure Alliance.

As part of that support, the TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce is taking this opportunity to contact you in support of the Pennsylvania Pipeline Projects, also known as Mariner East 1 and 2.

As you know, natural gas pipelines and utilities must adhere to strict state and federal regulations for the construction of pipelines, testing, and replacing of infrastructure, designed to insure system integrity. We have met with Sunoco representatives and have heard firsthand how Sunoco Logistics intends to utilize advanced safety technology and monitoring systems. They will also work with all regulatory agencies to fully comply with laws and regulations to protect sensitive areas.

Of great interest to the Chamber and our Members is the outstanding economic impact of this project, which could exceed up to \$4.2 billion to the Pennsylvania economy and generate \$62 million in tax revenues for the state. The Mariner East project could create more than 30,100 direct and indirect jobs during the construction phase and approximately 300-400 permanent positions throughout Pennsylvania. There will be thousands of construction jobs from local workers in our towns and communities, providing wages to laborers. The construction of this line will bring indirect benefits – laborers will patronize hotels, restaurants, retailers, and other local businesses, providing them with sources of income. Once constructed, the proposed underground pipeline will also provide an economic stimulus to our local communities, and long-term tax revenues for counties to invest in roads, schools, and public safety.

The Mariner East 2 project is important because it will help provide critical apprenticeship training, salaries to support families, and recurring economic benefits to the state through payroll taxes and other community benefits. The bottom line is that jobs help keep our communities strong.

Thus, on behalf of the Chamber's Board of Directors and Members, we urge support of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eileen S. Dautrich'.

Eileen Dautrich
President

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