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To the Department of Environmental Protection:

I write to you today on behalf of the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership in support of the Mariner East 2 pipeline proposed by Pennsylvania-based company Sunoco logistics. I urge you to approve the necessary environmental permits in a timely manner to ensure that Pennsylvania and our communities, residents and businesses can receive the positive benefits this project will provide.

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership is a nonprofit corporation with the purpose of further developing the economy of Moshannon Valley. We serve to relieve existing unemployment by purchasing, owning, selling, leasing, remodeling, and repairing properties to provide industrial sites, housing units, and other facilities that will enhance the economic development and welfare of our communities.

Our support for the Mariner East 2 pipeline stems from our mission of working to create new job opportunities for the people of the Moshannon Valley by supporting existing companies; to market our region for other industries and businesses seeking to expand and bring jobs to the Moshannon Valley; and to assist entrepreneurs that want to start new businesses in the area.

Our region of central Pennsylvania has not capitalized on the tremendous growth of the natural gas industry because the region lacks the infrastructure needed by that industry. There are wells that have been drilled but they remain capped/non-producing because there is no infrastructure to capture the gas. We need natural gas line infrastructure that pipe natural gas reserves to markets. The development of energy infrastructure is pivotal to unlocking Pennsylvania's economic potential and essential to ensuring our manufacturers and businesses remain competitive in their respective markets.

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The natural gas liquids that the Mariner East 2 pipeline will be transporting across the state provide an affordable and abundant source of energy for a variety of industry uses such as fuel and to be used as a feedstock for a number of manufactured goods. It is in the best interest of our partnership that this project moves forward without delay. We are constantly seeking new reasons that businesses would want to expand into Pennsylvania or even for new businesses to form here. The promise of affordable energy for businesses to operate is a key component to generate interest in the Moshannon Valley.

This project benefits the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership directly and helps support the economies surrounding our area. Please take this into consideration as you examine the final environmental permits for the Mariner East 2 pipeline project. The pipeline will undoubtedly be built safe with zero negative impact to the environment and Pennsylvania communities. And it is going to bring a lot of benefits to our communities.

Sincerely,

Stan LaFuria, Executive Director
Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership