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PA Department of Environmental Protection  
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RE: August 16, 2016 Hearing on Mariner East II Pipeline

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on the Mariner East 2 pipeline. My name is David Black, and I serve as the President and CEO of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). This natural gas liquids project stands to create a number of positive economic benefits for the Harrisburg region, both during the construction process and through its ongoing operation. Further, we foresee minimal impacts to communities in our region thanks to the company's astute planning and preparation. For these reasons, we encourage the state Department of Environmental Protection to approve the project's environmental permit applications.

The mission of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC is to advocate for job creation and business growth in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. The Mariner East 2 pipeline will accomplish these goals. With the creation of more than 30,000 jobs during the construction phase as well as 300 to 400 permanent positions throughout Pennsylvania once it is built, Mariner East 2 will put many highly skilled men and women to work. Construction workers will spend their wages on goods and services along the pipeline route, bolstering local businesses in the region. The project also will generate \$62 million in tax revenues for Pennsylvania. These revenues will go a long way in supporting and enhancing our schools, roads and other critical infrastructure.

The benefits of oil and gas development stretch far beyond the wellhead. Even though our region doesn't sit squarely within the shale plays, businesses in our area have benefited and grown by supplying and supporting developers, and local manufacturers have made gains in enhancing their competitiveness thanks to cheaper energy prices. The next step is to ensure we have a safe, reliable energy infrastructure in place to sustain this growth, support these regional and statewide revitalizations, and power consumers and businesses in our region and across the commonwealth.

Most importantly, Mariner East 2 will be built with skilled labor to ensure minimal impact to the environment. Pipelines are by far the safest means of transporting energy resources --- much safer than by truck on our roadways or via rail. Sunoco Logistics has committed to using the most advanced safety technologies and monitoring systems during construction and operation, ensuring that all state and federal regulations are adhered to. Sunoco has been in this business for 75 years, and it's encouraging to see a Pennsylvania company transporting Pennsylvania resources to a Pennsylvania facility like Marcus Hook for processing, storage and transport to consumers.

For these reasons, we fully support the Mariner East 2 pipeline and sincerely hope DEP will approve its environmental permit applications. The Harrisburg region looks forward to the responsible, successful completion of this project. Thank you again for your consideration during this public comment period.

David Black, President & CEO  
Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC