

To the Department of Environmental Protection,

I am writing in support of the proposed Sunoco pipeline project, otherwise known as the Mariner East 2 pipeline project. On behalf of the local and national members of the United Association that will work on and benefit from this project, I encourage the Department to issue the permits required for the pipeline project.

Sunoco Logistics has gone above and beyond in preparing for the construction of this pipeline project. I am confident that their plans for waterway and wetland crossings will meet and go beyond what's required. It's clear from the thousands of pages of documents submitted by the project that they have carefully reviewed and planned ahead; any impacts will be thoroughly mitigated.

While it is important any project of this magnitude receive a thorough review, I encourage the Department to move quickly to approve the necessary permits. This project stands to create jobs and economic development opportunities throughout the region. Construction of Mariner East 2 will be undertaken by highly skilled union members like myself who are committed to a safe and successful completion of the project.

Mariner East 2 represents an approximately \$2.5 billion investment in the region. One major facet of this investment is in the workers: the project would create more than 30,100 direct and indirect jobs during the construction phase and approximately 300-400 permanent positions throughout Pennsylvania. Many of these positions will go to members of the United Association (UA).

The UA represents approximately 340,000 plumbers, pipefitters, service technicians and welders in local unions across North America. The UA holds the highest standards in its training of qualified pipe tradesmen and women through a number of extensive programs, apprenticeships, and certification courses.

As a result of this comprehensive preparation, UA members regard safety as the highest priority on the work site. We employ the most advanced safety precautions in order to ensure that our work is done right, with minimal impacts to local communities through which the pipeline will pass.

Further, Mariner East 2 will hire from local union halls along the pipeline route, providing hardworking men and women with the means to support their families. These wages will be spent at local businesses, bolstering yet another layer of economic activity for communities.

For these reasons, I encourage you to grant approval to the Mariner East 2 pipeline. Members of the UA are ready and able to accomplish this project in a responsible manner.

Signed,

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