



CHESTER COUNTY CHAMBER
of Business & Industry
– Chamber of Influence –

Mr. Domenic Rocco
Program Manager, Waterways & Wetlands
PA Department of Environmental Protection
2 E. Main Street.
Norristown, PA 19401
Via Email

RE: Mariner East II (“ME II”) Pipeline

Dear Mr. Rocco:

We respectfully request the DEP grant the permitting necessary for this pipeline project to proceed.

Our County has a unique and important perspective on this project. Our County serves as the gateway to the energy, chemical and related industries in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties. In addition, our County has a wonderful “Quality of Place,” with one of the most vibrant and diverse economies in the state, if not nation—including; manufacturing (from steel to beer; and, from fans to “Krimpets”), agriculture, “Bio” & “Pharma” companies, financial services, education, healthcare, law firms and countless small businesses of every type. As such, we have seen our County grow in size both in terms of population and economic size & diversity.

Yet, through all of the growth—of businesses, employees, families & students and senior citizens—we have always managed to maintain a wonderful quality of place. We know that it is possible, even necessary for industry and business to grow and to also maintain a quality of life that is second to none.

Today, our County has many roles in Mariner East I, as its pipeline runs underneath our County. We have residents who work to maintain the pipeline and residents who work for Sunoco Logistics as both “Blue & White Collar” employees and many businesses are interconnected with the many companies involved in the energy industry.

While construction on ME II will cause some short-term disruption and inconvenience, we know that the benefits far outweigh these short-term challenges. ***If we did not believe so, we would not be supportive: no economic gain is worth harming our quality of life, let alone our families’ and employees’ safety.***

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Mariner East II Project

This project addresses many important objectives:

- Creating near-term construction jobs;
- Creating long-term jobs in both the energy and related fields;
- Providing a source of materials that will allow for additional chemical and manufacturing jobs in our region;
- Encouraging the use of a cleaner burning energy supply;
- Increasing access to lower cost energy for our homes and businesses; and,
- Reducing dependence on foreign—and sometimes hostile—nations, thereby, helping our national security.

Therefore, seeing the economic, environmental and national security benefits of this project for our region, state and nation; we respectfully request that DEP approve the permitting necessary for it to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Ciarrocchi, Esquire

President & CEO