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Chair

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Department of Environmental Protection,
Southeast Region, Waterways and Wetlands Program
2 E. Main St.
Norristown, PA 19401

Re: Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001 & Chapter 105 Permit No. E15-862

Dear DEP representatives:

I am writing today as a long-time community advocate, who only wants the best for the commonwealth's people and its industries. As the Chair of the Washington County Commission, I pride myself on working to spearhead economic development, and it is one of the most rewarding parts of my role. I am also an advocate for the Mariner East pipeline. I have seen the pipeline's efficient and successful progress over the years, and I am confident this public works project will continue to invigorate regional economies.

During my time as a Commissioner, I have helped bring more than 6,000 new jobs to my community. I understand how important a steady wage is and the sense of purpose that comes with having a job. This is one reason why I am a staunch supporter of the Mariner East pipeline project. Its development has consistently supported approximately 9,500 jobs during 6 years of construction.

I can assure you that this gradual employment surge is significant. Additionally, several businesses and entities across the state, rely on public work projects like Mariner East. The Mariner East pipeline has a further reaching impact than is seen at first glance.

For critical energy infrastructure projects like this, safety is a top priority and is imbedded into all aspects of regulatory compliance. In fact, in 2017 the Mariner East pipeline welcomed more than 100 days' worth of inspection from federal and state regulators – more than any other pipeline in Pennsylvania. On top of typical safety measures, development teams have pivoted toward an open cut construction framework, which reflects an understanding of past challenges with construction based on the local geology.

Of most importance, this project must be completed. Please approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permit applications.

Thank you for your consideration. The Mariner East pipeline has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Irey Vaughan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diana Irey Vaughan
Washington County Commissioner