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Norristown, PA 19401

**Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001**  
**Chapter 105 Permit No. E15-862**

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 143, I am writing to voice our strong support for the Mariner East pipeline project. This pipeline is a significant net benefit to skilled laborers and our communities in Pennsylvania.

The full construction of the Mariner East pipeline is projected to have a \$9.1 billion economic impact on Pennsylvania communities. Already, the project has already created thousands of jobs, many of which are directly tied to the good work of skilled laborers across Pennsylvania. Our union represents 2,000 electrical construction, maintenance, and telecommunications workers in the Harrisburg area. **The pipeline runs through the region, and its ultimate completion is important not just to us but to all of Pennsylvania.**

Our members are volunteers and member of local organizations. They make up an integral part of their communities, and large-scale projects like this pipeline allow them to support their families and remain here in the Harrisburg area.

Mariner East is a crucial piece of infrastructure for our energy industry, which itself has a \$45 billion economic footprint. This pipeline will provide reliable and affordable energy resources to Pennsylvania, directly supporting government services and giving a leg up to local business that operate in a variety of industries. The pipeline has already been a reliable source of jobs; ensuring its completion will allow this progress to continue. Allowing Pennsylvania to capitalize on our homegrown, domestic and vast natural resources is the most sensible thing for our commonwealth leaders to do.

Finishing this pipeline project won't just benefit our union members, it will benefit all of Pennsylvania. The affordable energy, increased economic activity, and secure jobs for local workers make this a win-win situation. **The proposed construction modifications ensure this project is safe and environmentally friendly to the local community, which is why we urge your support.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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