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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hon. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: PennEast Pipeline Project
Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

Much has been written about American energy security and the subsequent geopolitical implications resulting from the country's natural gas revolution. I contact you today with regard to the role of energy infrastructure in ensuring our energy security and leveraging America's energy position as a foreign policy tool.

Last year, the United States was a leading natural gas producer – compared to approximately ten years ago when we were exploring the need to construct natural gas import facilities. As a result of American ingenuity, the U.S. has a 10- to 15-year advantage over other countries in developing our unconventional resources, which has removed our natural gas dependency on foreign countries – including those hostile towards us and our Allies.

To fully realize the benefits from leading the world in natural gas production, additional gas infrastructure is necessary. The PennEast Pipeline is a prime example, which not only offers low-priced natural gas to consumers, but ensures greater reliability as gas consumption grows, and helps avoid potential price spikes from weather-related demand surges or supply disruptions.

Natural gas, alongside nuclear, hydropower and other American fuels, is a vital component of an all-of-the-above energy strategy. And with our many layers of oversight (including the work of the Commission) we're ensuring environmental protection is balanced with economic growth. We certainly can develop and deploy new, clean energy technologies while commensurately taking full advantage of our vast domestic energy resources – such as Pennsylvania's enormous shale gas reserves – which is where PennEast comes into play.

The PennEast pipeline will allow local, American natural gas to be used in Pennsylvania, as well as by our neighbors New Jersey and New York. It will provide cleaner burning fuel to

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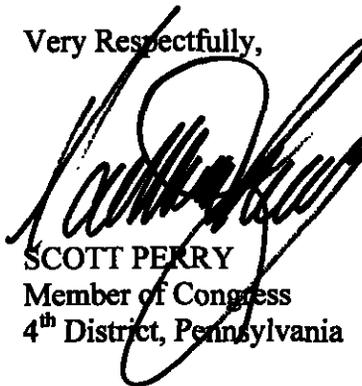
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our electric power sector that's looking to natural gas to help reduce the country's carbon footprint. We'll continue to see lower energy bills thanks to PennEast making an added billion cubic feet per day of natural gas available to utilities. PennEast will support businesses by reducing their energy bills and thus directing that savings to other areas of our economy.

For local reasons, as well as many global, America can continue to be exceptional by leveraging homegrown natural gas. I respectfully request your support of the PennEast Pipeline. If you have questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Perry', is written over the typed name and title.

SCOTT PERRY
Member of Congress
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