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

Re: PennEast Pipeline Project – Docket CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

Over the past few years, Greater Philadelphia, which encompasses my Legislative District, has been taking steps to position itself as a major energy center.

Recently, the Greater Philadelphia Energy Action Team released a report examining the next steps to becoming an energy hub. The report indicates that, "Presently, the natural gas pipeline infrastructure needed to deliver increased volumes of natural gas to the region does not exist and siting new interstate and intrastate pipelines is time consuming and at times challenging." This is why I write to offer my support to the PennEast Pipeline Project.

PennEast will deliver significant natural gas supplies to eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The overall effect of PennEast's 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day entering the market will reduce natural gas and electric prices for consumers – including those in my District.

PennEast's new natural gas supply will also support regional economic development. Paired with Greater Philadelphia strategic location and skilled workforce, reliable natural gas supplies will help attract new businesses (such as those in the chemical, petrochemical and energy-intensive manufacturing), as well as help existing businesses reduce their operating costs.

There is a clear and present need for the PennEast Pipeline. This is evident from the many labor and business organizations, as well as public officials from both sides of the aisle, supporting the Project. In an election season marked with sharp division, it's refreshing that individuals from often differing philosophies all agree that the PennEast Pipeline makes sense.

Lastly, meeting existing – and forecasted increased – regional natural gas demand also carries environmental benefits. Natural gas is clean burning and as natural gas replaces oil heating and coal-fired electric generation, significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions are realized.



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I look forward to following the Commission's review of the PennEast Project, and look forward to the Project helping meet the energy needs of our region.

Sincerely,

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