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

***Re: Docket No. CP15-558-000***

Dear Secretary Bose,

I am writing in support of the proposed PennEast Pipeline that will transport clean-burning natural gas to New Jersey for the benefit of our nearly 8.9 million residents, including the hundreds of thousands in the Monmouth County district I represent.

Collectively, we rely on this vital energy to heat our homes and generate the electricity that powers our everyday lives. Sometimes that is taken for granted, and as policymakers we must continue to be vigilant about long-term energy planning that meets future demand, strengthens our economy, provides affordable energy to consumers, and minimizes impacts to our environment. PennEast Pipeline meets all of these goals.

As a member of the Senate Economic Growth Committee, I seek out policies that make our state more competitive for job creation, business development, and overall growth. Reliable energy supply and stable pricing are a key part of the affordability mix as businesses make decisions about whether to move, or even stay, in New Jersey. Our state can and should always support efforts that continue to drive down costs for families and businesses.

Key investors in the project include affiliates of all four New Jersey gas utility companies, which are important partners in our state's economy by providing good jobs and critical infrastructure investments that protect our quality of life. This is a New Jersey project benefitting New Jersey residents.

Across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, thousands of highly-skilled jobs will be created, millions in new tax revenue, a \$1.6 billion total economic impact, with \$896 million in projected energy costs savings in one recent winter. It's clear that the PennEast project will provide vital clean-energy resources and ongoing economic benefits for years to come.

Importantly, many of my constituents endured the worst of Superstorm Sandy; with long-term outages. Among man other things it made clear that our state's energy infrastructure is vulnerable to another big storm. The PennEast project would provide another access point to abundant natural gas supplies that increase reliability, dependability, stability, and hardens our infrastructure.

I appreciate your careful but swift consideration of the application. Please contact my office should you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyrillos, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.

Cc: NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin  
Congressman Chris Smith  
Congressman Tom MacArthur

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