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

RE: Support for PennEast Pipeline Proposal [Docket No. CP15-558-000]

Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce ("State Chamber"), which has grown into the leading voice for over 1,200 businesses and associations across the Garden State over the past 104 years, I am writing to you to express our members' strong support for the approval of the PennEast Pipeline project.

The State Chamber represents a wide variety of industries, from single proprietors to Fortune 500 companies who employ over 500,000 citizens throughout the state. Our mission is to ensure that the economic vitality of each of our members is maintained and we are confident that the construction and operation of the PennEast Pipeline project will support economic growth across the state that will positively impact New Jersey businesses and families in an environmentally friendly manner.

A recent economic impact study concluded that the PennEast Pipeline project would have an economic impact of \$430 million on New Jersey, creating or supporting close to 3,000 jobs across the state. The reality is that current energy costs for businesses and families across the state are extremely high, suppressing the growth of our state's economy. Fortunately, experts concluded that if the pipeline were in existence during the 2013-2014 winter alone, New Jersey families and businesses would have saved \$378.4 million. The potential savings that businesses and families across the state could incur from this project in the future cannot be disregarded.

The State Chamber understands the importance of ensuring the protection of our environment through any project our state may undergo, which cannot be overlooked. We recognize that from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released by FERC, it is clear that the environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the PennEast Pipeline project would be "less than significant", providing New Jersey residents with access to a significantly cleaner and reliable energy source than coal or oil for electric power generation.

It is evident that the PennEast Pipeline project will provide a much needed economic boost to New Jersey's economy, supporting both large and small businesses across a variety of industries, as well as families, while maintaining a clean environment.

For these reasons, on behalf of thousands of businesses and individuals across New Jersey, the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce would like to urge you to approve the Penn East Pipeline project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Egerton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

**Michael A. Egerton
Executive Vice President
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce**

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