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The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 825, represents 6,500 men and women in New Jersey and parts of New York. Our members have the highest levels of expertise in pipeline construction, and we have worked on successful and safe pipeline projects in all types of surroundings including environmentally sensitive areas. Our workforce is highly trained and safety is always our priority. Building the PennEast Pipeline project could mean more than 2,000 construction jobs during its seven-month construction phase and our members are prepared to take on the challenge.

The economic benefits, however, will continue to be felt long beyond the construction period, providing an important boost to New Jersey's business climate in the long run. The technology built into a state-of-the-art pipeline like the one that PennEast is proposing provides a safe and efficient delivery system for the energy we need to power our economy. The PennEast Pipeline will help to make sure that the growing demand for natural gas in New Jersey is met. By providing a link to the state with the fastest growing natural gas production, it will lower the cost for New Jersey businesses as well as residents, like our members.

Our members don't just work here. We live here and raise our families here, too. This isn't just about creating construction jobs-- we also know the benefits of safe reliable energy sources for our communities. Pipelines are the safest and most reliable way to transport natural gas. Safer, cleaner, and more reliable energy is what we all need to power our homes, and pipeline transmission is more safe and efficient than transporting it by rail or truck.

This reliable source of affordable energy will also help to retain and attract the businesses that keep our state competitive. New Jersey can't see the economic growth we need without the basic infrastructure that companies need to run their operations. Energy costs are one of the biggest parts of many companies' budgets, and if New Jersey can't be competitive there, we can't win out on the bottom line. This isn't just about temporary jobs, it is about keeping our economy moving.

I would like to voice the support of the members of IUOE Local 825 and ask that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approve the PennEast Pipeline project.

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