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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
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**Re: Docket No. CP15-558-000**

Dear Secretary Bose:

I represent northeastern New Jersey's 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in the General Assembly, serving on the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee. In that role our Committee reviews policies that support positive job growth in New Jersey and strives to make our state more affordable for families and businesses of all sizes.

Stable, low-cost energy supplies are an important piece of the puzzle, and directly connecting New Jersey consumers to the most affordable and abundant natural gas reserves in America can only be achieved by building the critical infrastructure necessary to get it here.

Our proximity to Pennsylvania's Marcellus region and the clean-burning natural gas available to New Jersey cannot and should not be ignored.

The proposed PennEast Pipeline is one such project that can help lower energy costs for New Jersey, create jobs, and improve our environment by continuing a trend of generating more electric power from clean-burning natural gas. Importantly, the PennEast Pipeline also supports the goals of New Jersey's Energy Master Plan to realize these benefits for consumers.

It is my hope the Commission will thoroughly review its application and approve it in a timely manner to help New Jersey's economy capitalize on these benefits as soon as possible.

- The PennEast Pipeline will have a \$1.6 billion total economic impact in the region, driving job creation not only during the initial construction phase but across our entire economy
- Every major business and labor organization in New Jersey has signed on in support of the project, illustrating the robust positive impact it will have on local trades and businesses alike.

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- Residents in my district will directly benefit in the form of lower electric and gas bills.
- A study by Concentric Energy Advisers found New Jersey energy customers would have saved \$378.4 million two winters ago had PennEast been in service.
- Cleaner air resulting from cleaner electric power generation is in the best interest of every New Jersey resident.
- PennEast is a New Jersey project supporting New Jersey residents, including the parent companies of all four gas utilities in New Jersey, who are major employers and investors in our state's economy.

Beyond the project's important economic benefits, our national security is strengthened when we rely on our own domestic, American energy, cultivated with American jobs that can never be outsourced.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a swift approval process in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Auth', written in a cursive style.

Assemblyman Robert J. Auth

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