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March 15, 2016

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

*Re: PennEast Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP15-558-000*

Dear Secretary Bose:

Roughly 12 years ago the first Marcellus Shale well was drilled in southwestern Pennsylvania. That seminal event sparked the Appalachian Region's shale gas era, beginning a new story of natural gas development in Pennsylvania. This story has featured Pennsylvania's 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District, which I'm proud to serve, in a lead role.

It has been an honor to represent some of the state's leading natural gas-producing counties. In fact four of the five counties I serve are among the state's largest producing areas – collectively producing 2,961.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 2015. That's roughly 64 percent of total production in the commonwealth last year.

As natural gas production in Pennsylvania reaches new milestones, I've had the privilege of also serving on Pennsylvania's State Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee (including Chairman since 2013) – helping ensure strong regulatory oversight over safe and responsible development.

Equally important to responsible development, is ensuring Pennsylvania and the region can enjoy the economic and environmental benefits of putting natural gas to work in their communities. That is where new infrastructure comes into play, such as the proposed PennEast Pipeline.

Despite robust production, pipeline capacity has led to persistent pricing gaps between producing areas of the state and the region's population centers. This is especially true on the coldest and hottest days when natural gas demand is highest.

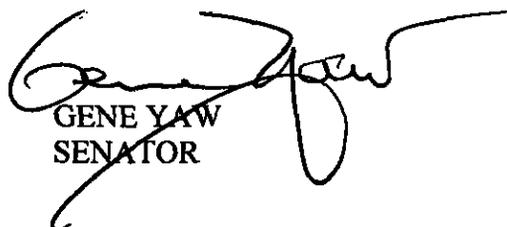
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The PennEast Pipeline will deliver natural gas from northeast Pennsylvania (natural gas produced in the 23<sup>rd</sup> District), and provide new, local supplies and reliable capacity to eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The Pipeline will also help fuel the region's power sector, as we see the sector shift to a greater reliance on clean-burning natural gas-fired electric generation.

Pennsylvania is blessed with an abundance of natural gas. I ask for your support of the PennEast Pipeline to help carry this local fuel to local users.

Sincerely,



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