



**Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association**

October 30, 2015

Ms. 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:

The Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association reaffirms support for the PennEast Pipeline Project (Docket number CP15-558-000). We are the leading voice for the commonwealth's manufacturing sector, which adds \$70B in value annually, directly employs more than a half-million Pennsylvanians, and sustains millions of additional Pennsylvania jobs in supply chains, distribution networks, and industrial services. Our members rely on reliable and affordable energy and project such as the PennEast Pipeline Project is exactly what makes Pennsylvania, and America, more economically competitive.

Natural gas exploration has been a key factor in the continued expansion of the manufacturing sector, and truly the entire economy of Pennsylvania. Without investments in natural gas, there would have been no recent economic recovery. The process of continuing that growth requires the necessary infrastructure to bring the natural gas to market. It is specifically with this in mind that I write today asking for your support for the PennEast Pipeline Project.

Utilities are the number one output for many manufacturers throughout our commonwealth. Our members have faced fluctuating energy prices and instability in marketplace, but we believe that the development of natural gas truly offers one of the best chances our country has for energy independence. While often the term "energy independence" is used in the context of managing our relations with the Middle East, it is ultimately the catalyst for the domestic manufacturing resurgence. The less a manufacturer has to pay to transport fuel sources from the middle east, the more they can reinvest into jobs, plant expansions, and increased quality.

Approving the PennEast Pipeline is not only a wise investment in our nation's energy infrastructure, but also, an investment in manufacturing, jobs, and energy security. I hope you will join me and Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry in supporting this crucial project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David N. Taylor", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David N. Taylor  
President  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association