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**Secretary Kimberly Bose  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426**



**Dear Secretary Bose:**

From the time I was elected to Pennsylvania's General Assembly, the state has gone from producing just less than 200 billion cubic feet of gas in 2008, to producing more than 4.7 trillion cubic feet last year. While the commonwealth's abundant natural gas reserves have gained widespread notoriety, they are just beginning to flow, as ever-improving production technology is increasing technically recoverable gas estimates.

And while Pennsylvania natural gas production and the geologic understanding of our underlying shale formations has grown tremendously over the last several years, unfortunately pipeline capacity to take that gas to market has not kept pace.

As Co-Chair of Pennsylvania's House Gas and Oil Caucus, natural gas infrastructure is a topic that ranks amongst the most important issues when talking with Caucus colleagues, and we're closely following proposed interstate pipeline projects. That is why I write to you with respect to the PennEast Pipeline.

Compared to the long-haul transmission lines from the Gulf, the PennEast Pipeline is a short-distance project that will link Pennsylvania gas supplies with eastern PA and New Jersey markets.

PennEast is exactly the type of infrastructure project government should be encouraging. It will not only provide an outlet for the prolific gas reserves in Pennsylvania, it will address a major point of congestion on the interstate pipeline transmission system.

With "greenfield" projects such as PennEast, local concerns are understandable. However, from monitoring this project, it is apparent PennEast has gone to great lengths to minimize environmental disturbances and collocate where feasible with existing utility rights of way.

**There are simply so many benefits to delivering Pennsylvania's abundant gas supplies to local markets: lower natural gas costs, resulting in lower electricity costs; improved air quality via expanded natural gas-fired electricity; improved reliability; greater energy security and less dependence on foreign fuels; and, so much more.**

**Accordingly, I offer my full support to the PennEast Pipeline Project, and encourage the Commission to continue its review of the PennEast Project in a comprehensive, but timely, manner.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Oberlander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

**Pennsylvania Representative Donna Oberlander  
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