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Dear Chairman Brown:

On December 12, 2017 the Senate Majority Policy Committee held a hearing on the Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P. and Buckeye Pipe Line Company, L.P application that is being considered by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Enclosed you will find documentation on this hearing.

After reviewing the testimony presented at the hearing, it is clear to us that reversing the flow of fuel transported in the Laurel Pipe Line will negatively impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We respectfully urge the PUC to oppose this application.

While the testimony provided at the Majority Policy Committee hearing revealed numerous reasons why the changes proposed to the Laurel Pipe Line will be detrimental to our state, we believe there are a few particularly harmful areas of concern: fuel prices will increase, job losses will occur and Southeastern Pennsylvania refineries and manufacturers will be dealt an unfair and unnecessary setback.

As the Laurel Pipe Line is the only pipe line in Pennsylvania that delivers fuel from Southeastern Pennsylvania to the Pittsburgh region, any action taken to reverse this flow will hurt the refinery industry in the Southeast. Thousands of workers in Southeastern Pennsylvania directly and indirectly count on refineries for employment. Eliminating the western flow of fuel from these refineries will surely result in lost jobs, and there can be no doubt that shutting off the Pittsburgh market from eastern refineries will lessen competition and increase costs for consumers and businesses.

The information presented at the Senate Majority Policy Committee hearing was enlightening. It is clear to us that reversing the flow of fuel in the Laurel Pipe Line is not in the best interest of Pennsylvania's consumers, workers and businesses. We hope you will reject this application.

Sincerely,

Tom Killion
Senator, 9th District

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cc: June Perry, Director, PUC Office of Legislative Affairs



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