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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I write to offer my congratulations on your selection of Andrew Place as my successor on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

During my combined tenure on the PUC of nearly two decades, I have been honored to help guide the Commission to its status as a national leader on important public utility issues. The Commission and its dedicated and skilled staff are the envy of their independent agency counterparts in other states.

What an interesting experience it has been: from the Three Mile Island crisis to concerns about the safety of oil trains passing through our state; from the break-up of telephone monopolies to the push for high-speed data networks; from the creation of competitive marketplaces for power to the impact of the Polar Vortex. It continues with issues ranging from transportation network companies with business models that ignore the law to aging natural gas pipelines and other critical infrastructure issues.

It truly has been a privilege to serve the people of Pennsylvania, especially for a boy from a family of modest means in rural McKean County. I depart with a deep sense of gratitude and great enthusiasm for what the PUC does and how it does it (resolute, but often misunderstood, balancing of consumer and utility needs). I am confident that Andrew Place will find success and fulfillment in achieving the Commission's critical mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James H. Cawley".

James H. Cawley
Commissioner