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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief; Docket No. P-2018-3001453; Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Docket No. C-2018-3001451

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing to express our organization's continued support for the construction and operation of Sunoco Pipeline LP's Mariner East 1 and 2 projects. The build-out of this infrastructure is necessary and vital to the continued economic growth of the commonwealth and country. We also share goals of the Commission (and more broadly the administration and Department of Environmental Protection) of ensuring that the construction and operation of these and other transmission projects occurs in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. We appreciate and applaud the Commission's diligence in making safety a priority. It is our understanding several operational changes are being implemented by Sunoco Pipeline, and as such we encourage the Commission to allow for the Mariner East 2 project to continue being built without delay. The PA Chamber also thanks the Commission for voting at a recent meeting to allow Mariner East 1 to resume operations.

It has been estimated the Mariner East 1 and 2 projects represent a combined \$9 billion in economic impact to the state, generating more than \$120 million in taxes supporting more than 15,000 jobs during construction. These economic impacts are representative of the generational investment available to us by leveraging our energy assets for economic growth and environmental enhancement. The recent Forge the Future report, conducted by one of the world's leading consulting firms, estimates the state has the potential to create more than 100,000 new jobs and increase annual state GDP by more than \$60 billion through the use of our energy assets.

Further, the significant and documented improvements in air quality that have occurred as natural gas exploration and use increased cannot be overlooked. Over the past two decades, population in the Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia metros have grown, while NAAQS criteria pollutants such as ozone, fine particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides have fallen dramatically, according to EPA data. Continuing these trends requires making use of all our energy resources, including via the construction of additional natural gas transmission infrastructure.

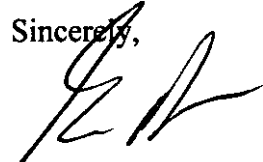
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For these reasons, the PA Chamber encourages the Commission to allow for construction and continued operation of the Mariner East 1 and 2 projects to continue without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene Barr', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Gene Barr

President and CEO

cc:

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