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Chamber of Commerce

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

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On behalf of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to convey our support for the settlement laid out by ETC Northeast Pipeline (ETC) and the PUC's independent Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement (BI&E). This proposed settlement should be approved as it is a positive step for our county and our Commonwealth.

The Chamber understands the positive impact this joint agreement would bring to Pennsylvania's energy, economy, and job sectors. This project will not only provide us with additional energy resources and fuel but also more stable jobs and economic growth. The pipeline in question has already been improved and is safely operating. It is now essential we pass this settlement as we need the resources that this pipeline would provide to our state.

Energy Transfer Northeast Pipeline has successfully implemented several safety and integrity measures. Their priority goal is to protect the environment while providing the state with natural gas and other important natural resources. The pipeline has undergone geotechnical engineering and evaluation to ensure future storms do not cause damage to the pipeline. ETC has even added a management program that monitors the pipeline continuously to efficiently resolve any future problems that may arise. Not only has ETC made the process safer and easier for natural gas to be received, but they have also implemented many safety precautions to prevent damage to the surrounding environment and community.

As one of the largest natural gas producers in the United States, this pipeline could exponentially help not only our state's overall economy, but our country's as well. This common ground agreement is essential in allowing this product to be safely received and used throughout Pennsylvania. It would produce millions of dollars in revenue, thousands of jobs for our residents, and ensure our state utilizes the abundant natural resources it has available.

Approving this settlement is crucial to preserving Pennsylvania's energy sector while simultaneously helping grow our economy. Our chamber members need these stable and good-paying jobs to help them recover after the pandemic and we encourage the Commissioners to support and allow for this significant action to be taken in our state's energy sector.

Sincerely,



Jeff M. Kotula
President