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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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The Honorable Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Proposed Extension of Bi-Directional Service on the Laurel Pipeline

PUC Docket No. C-2025-3053018 Monroe Energy, LLC, Lucknow-Highspire Terminals, LLC, Sheetz, Inc. and PBF Holding Company LLC v. Laurel Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Chairman DeFrank:

With affordability concerns at the forefront of almost every conversation in the district and as House Transportation Committee Chair and as Co-Chairs of the House Gas and Oil Caucus, we urge you to make Pennsylvania consumers the beneficiaries of competitively priced liquid fuel supplies, including gasoline, diesel and home heating oil.

At a time when global realities demand local solutions, we have an opportunity through approval of Laurel Pipe Line Company's proposed extension of bi-direction service on their Laurel Pipeline to hedge against market disruptions that are impacting Pennsylvania consumers. Opening our markets to North American-sourced, Midwest-produced liquid fuels promises meaningful relief across the commonwealth.

Indeed, given the East Coast's dependence on limited supply options and given the disruption we have already experienced due to Middle Eastern conflicts, diversification of our liquid fuel supply is the most reasonable step that government can take to deliver relief.

As proffered by the Administrative Law Judge, "Bi-directional service increases the flexibility and liquidity of the Laurel pipeline system by enabling demand to be met from additional origins and allowing multiple destinations to be supplied from both east and west." ID, p. 18 (Finding of Fact ¶ 71).

With this project, we will have greater sourcing diversity, stability, and competitive pricing that our constituents are asking us to deliver. Your swift approval will best position Pennsylvanians ahead of the summer driving season and allow for supply resilience that will stabilize us during times of supply constraint.

We appreciate your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



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