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May 21, 2026

The Honorable Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
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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:

I am writing about a significant challenge that my constituents from across the 48th Senate District have shared with me: **Affordability**. Specifically, filling up at the pump has become a hardship for too many families and businesses in my district.

The liquid fuel supplies in the 48th and all of Eastern and Central Pennsylvania come from three main sources: Colonial pipeline, a few local refineries, and foreign gasoline imports. Disruption to any one of these sources, such as what we're seeing *right now* in global oil markets, results in price spikes that harm my constituents.

Meanwhile, Midwest American refineries that use North American-sourced crude are at the ready to bring abundant gasoline and diesel to Eastern and Central Pennsylvania.

With the PUC's approval, Laurel Pipe Line Company will be able to operate its Laurel pipeline bi-directionally, bringing roughly 80,000 barrels per day of new gasoline and diesel supply to Pennsylvania.

As the PUC's Administrative Law Judge Eranda Vero found,

Laurel capacity has been historically underutilized, with each of the three segments (L718, L720, and L724) operating at approximately one-third of available capacity.

Allowing Laurel to be responsive to market dynamics and reach *full capacity* will provide meaningful relief to my constituents. I appreciate your attention and ask that you approve Laurel's proposal without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Gebhard".

Chris Gebhard
48th Senatorial District

cc: **Honorable Pat Stefano, Senate of Pennsylvania**
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